1976 -Branch & Executive Minutes: Socialist League & Forward Group
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1976-SL-Toronto

**1976-Jan4*	*7:25 PM: Executive meeting: Personnel*
1976-01Jan4	8:15 PM Minutes of Branch: Membership, misc. Cttee. Reports
**1976-Jan7*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Personnel*
1976-01Jan11	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Non-Zionist Jews, Internal educationals
**1976-Jan15*	*Executive meeting: Organizer; Membership, CARAL, Day Care; Educationals*
1976-01Jan18	Minutes of Branch: Organizers report, Women's fraction, Campus fraction
**1976-Jan20*	*Executive meeting:Day Care; Mogentaler amnesty; Personnel*
1976-01Jan25	Minutes of Branch: Executive, Educational, Campus reports, CARAL
1976-01Jan29a	Executive meeting:Correspondence, Membership, HQ staffing; Campus, CARAL
1976-02Feb1	Minutes of Branch: Correspondence, Campus, CARAL, Trade Union reports
1976-03Feb3	Executive meeting:Personnel; NDP; CARAL, Campus; Next Year Country (Waffle)
**1976-Feb8*	*1:30 PM Executive meeting: Social, Educational, Campus reports; Membership*
1976-02Feb8a	Minutes of Branch: Campus, Educational, Executive (Metro NDP Conference)
1976-02Feb8b	Attachment: (re Metro NDP Conference "Wage/Price controls, Nuclear"
**1976-Feb15*	*1:15 PM Executive meeting: CARAL, Membership; Cutbacks, Educational, Campus*
1976-02Feb15	Minutes of Branch: Executive report, Educational report
1976-02Feb22	Minutes of Branch: Educational, Coalition Against Cutbacks, Trade Unions
1976-02Feb24	Executive meeting: Non-Zionist Jews, NDP work, Membership, Branch problems
1976-02Feb29	Minutes of Branch: NDP, Educational, CARAL, Campus
**1976-Mar3*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Campus Report; NDP;Resigning statement by Levi*
1976-03Mar7	Minutes of Branch: NDP conference, Campus fraction, New business

**1976-Mar14*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Cutbacks, NDP, Campus, Problems; adjourn 4:15*
1976-03Mar14a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Executive (Metro NDP), Educational
1976-03Mar21	Minutes of Branch:Campus, Trade Union Fraction; Educational, Non-Zionists
**1976-Mar23*	*Executive meeting: Campus Report, CARAL*
1976-03Mar28	Minutes of Branch: Campus, CARAL, Educational, Labor demo in Ottawa
**1976-Mar31*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Educationals, Cammpus, Forward, Cutbacks*
1976-04Apr4	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Executive report (personnel), Cutbacks
**1976-Apr8*	*Executive meeting: Forward Fund drive; Membership*
1976-04Apr11	Minutes of Branch: Campus report, Executive (May Day social), Plyshch meet
**1976-Apr18*	*11 AM: Executive meeting: Personnel; Orientation to the Left; Cutbacks Coalition*
1976-04Apr18	Minutes of Branch: Executive (Plyshch tour), Cutbacks Coalition, May Day
**1976-Apr25*	*Executive meeting: Personnel; CARAL, Independent Socialists split; Argentine demo*
1976-04Apr26	Minutes of Branch: CARAL, Educational, Executive report (personnel)
**1976-May2*	*Executive meeting: May Day social, Campus*
1976-05May3a	Minutes of Branch: May Day social report, Educational, Campus
**1976-May5*	*Executive meeting:Staffing (Membership)*
1976-05May10a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Forward Fund drive, Financial report
1976-05May17	Minutes of Branch: NDP & Educational reports; Fund drive
1976-05May24a	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, CLC convention report, Fund drive report
**1976-May26*	*Executive meeting: Correspondence, Personnel; Membership, NDP*
1976-05May31	Minutes of Branch: Executive report (personnel), Educational
**1976-June2*	*Executive meeting:Educationals, Campus, NDP,*
1976-06June7	Minutes of Branch: NDP convention discussion; Educational report, TDLC
1976-06June14	Minutes of Branch: Educational, Financial, New Business & Campus reports

**1976-June16*	*Executive meeting:NDP, Forward, Non-Zionist Jews*
1976-06June21	Minutes of Branch: Executive & Educational, Financial reports
**1976-06June27*	*Minutes of Branch: Educationals, Canada Day weekend at Camp Poundmaker*
**1976-June30*	*Executive meeting: Membership, NDP*
1976-07July5	Minutes of Branch: Educationals, Fun Drive, Chile labor defence
**1976-0\7July12*	*Minutes of Branch (illegible):*
1976-07July19	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Educational, Chilean fake "united front" defence
1976-07July22	Executive meeting: Membership, Camp Poundmaker, CLC Manifesto; Staffing
1976-07July26	Minutes of Branch: Trade Unions; Campus, Poundmaker, Membership
**1976-July 29*	*Executive meeting:Bilingualism debate, Camp Poundmaker, Educational*
**1976-08Aug2*	*Minutes of Branch: Educational, Camp Poundmaker*
**1976-08Aug9*	*Minutes of Branch: Damien report, Campus report, CLC Day of Protest*
1976-08Aug16	Minutes of Branch: NDP municipal report, Weekend Camp educationals
1976-08Aug23	5:30 PM-Executive meeting:Staff; Gay discussion, Personnel, Labor Day, NDP Cttee
**1976-08Aug23*	*Minutes of Branch: Executive report (personnel) Educational, Day of Protest*
1976-08Aug30	6:15 PM-Executive meeting: Membership;NDP Cttee
1976-08Aug30a	Minutes of Branch: Executive (membership), NDP report
**1976-Aug31*	*Executive meeting: Discussion of Organizership*
**1976-Sept5*	*Executive meeting: Staff Situation*
1976-09Sept6	Minutes of Branch: Labor Day, Labor Council reports, Educationals
**1976-Sept8*	*Executive meeting:Organizership (planned branch conference)*
1976-09Sept14	Minutes of Branch: Trip to Libya, Oct. 14 Day of Protest, Personnel, York U.
1976-09Sept19	Executive meeting (CLC Day of Protest; Campus, NDP Cttee., Morgentaler
1976-09Sept20a	SL Exec. Report: Oct. 14 Day of Protest, NDP Committee
**1976-Sept26*	*10:45 AM-Executive meeting:Branch Conf. agenda, Forward fund & Sub drives*

1976-09Sept26a	SL Exec. Report: Branch Conference; Forum, Sub Drive, Campus, Social
1976-10Oct2	SL Exec. Report: Distributions, Sub Drive, Forum
**1976-Oct3*	*Executive meeting:Campus report, Municipal elections*
**1976-Oct17*	*11:10 AM-Executive meeting:Campus Steering Cttee., Membership, LSA, Maoists*
1976-10Oct17a	SL Exec. Report: Finances, Membership, Intra-tendency relations
**1976-Oct24*	*10:30 AM-Executive meeting: Membership, Municipal election, LSA*
1976-10Oct24	SL Exec. Report: Financial, Municipal Campaign, Branch Conference, Campus
**1976-Oct27*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Women's Fraction; Quebec banner*
1976-10Oct31	SL Exec. Report: Letter to LSA; Social, Membership, Municipal Campaign, Quebec
1976-11Nov00	*(undated)* SL Exec. Report: Membership, Labour, CARAL, Municipal Campaign
**1976-Nov3*	*Executive meeting: Municipal campaign, Membership, Finances, Staffing*
**1976-Nov7*	*Executive meeting: Branch conference, Educational cttee.*
1976-11Nov14-1	AM -Executive meeting: Trade Union report, GATE (Damien); Branch conference
1976-11Nov14-***2***	SL Branch Meeting Minutes: Branch Conference; Gay Alliance, Trade Union cttee.
**1976-Nov21*	*Executive meeting: OFL, Membership, CARAL, Municipal elections*
1976-12Dec5	11:45AM-Executive meeting: Membership, Branch conference
1976-12Dec11	10:30AM-Executive meeting:Branch conference, Staff Situation
**1976-12Dec12*	*SL Conference: Tasks & Perspectives Report (A.W.): Incomplete notes*
1976-12Dec12a	*SL Conference (report by Art Grey)* : Tasks & Perspectives Report (Abie W.)
**1976-Dec19*	*Executive meeting: Membership, (Waffle) split; Peletier Ctte*
1976-12Dec19a	SL Organizer's reports: Branch Conference; Branch meeting, Staffing the Centre

Minutes of Toronto Branch, Sunday, January 4, 1976, 8:15 PM

Chair: McClung Secretary: Morgan

Agenda: M/C to adopt.

Attendance: Absent without reason: Chaplin, Goldman, Hansen, Mills, Robur, Schriebman, Smith, Willis.

Minutes: of meeting of Dec. 28, '75 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Frost reported that Executive recommendation Anderson be granted 2 weeks leave of absence as he is unable to continue as Organizer at present. Exec./Rec./C that Frost be interim organizer.

M/C that Membership & Contacts committee discuss contact Ann D. Kent reported that contact Gary O. back in Canada and close to us. M/C to adopt report.

Financial Report: Deutsch reported. M/C to adopt as interim report.

Dues & Pledges

Educational Report: Frost reported. M/C that Jan. 16th topic be a critical evaluation of Miller's book "Against Our Will" with Scott as speaker.

EDUCATIONAL: Roy on the Cause of Inflation.

Social Report: Deutsch reported on New Year's Eve party, which was attended by 55 to 60 persons and made a $100 surplus. New Year's day outing also a success. M/C to adopt.

New Business: Levi reported on the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews. Report on defence effort for Joe Meslin. Reported on CUP conference in Montreal where he spoke as a representative of the Alliance and made contact with Sephardic francophones. A newsletter is planned.

Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 PM

BRANCH MINUTES, Toronto, January 11, 1976 Meeting at 8:15 PM

Chair: Scott Secretary: Morgan

AGENDA: M/C to adopt
ATTENDANCE: Absent without reason:

MINUTES: Minutes of January 4, '76 adopted as read.
MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS: Frost reported for Committee and Executive.
1) that Goldman's leave of absence be terminated as she is now active;
2) regarding Guy M. , that Art G. was to have contacted him for a discussion regarding his relationship with the movement and that Guy is to get in touch with Toronto this week;
3) regarding Tad M., that we have a further relationship with him in the NDP and around the movement to ascertain his understanding of our ideas before considering recruitment;
4) regarding Anne D. that we have further relationship with her as it is felt we could not assimilate her into the movement at this time;
5) regarding J.H, she is a high school woman with whom we should work closely and who is recruitable;
6) regarding John B., a close contact in St. Catharines, that we have discussions with him with a view that he become a member-at-large;
7) that Val P. is a close contact at Trent U. but who is not recruitable at this time;
8) regarding Mac. B., a York student active in the York SL, that Roy carry ont discussion with him with a view to recruitment;
9) regarding Gail S. of York SL, that she be asked to campus fraction meetings as a close contact.
Amendment/C that a series of Recruitment classes be held.
M/C to adopt report.

ALLIANCE OF NON-ZIONIST JEWS: Levi gave informational report on Alliance.
DUES & PLEDGES
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Frost reported. Evaluation of Roy's internal on Inflation at last branch meeting and last Friday night's forum on An Evaluation of International Women's Year given by Scott and a panel.
ExecM/C from that Series on Marxism and Life be split to give three as follows:
Jan. 30:The Marxist Method given by Deutsch
Feb. 6: The Marxist View of Literature given by Kent
Feb. 12: Law and Society to be given by Schriebman
Feb. 20: open for outside forum
M/C that Marxism series be limited to three.
INTERNALS: lineup as follows:
Jan. 11: Levi on the slogan for an Independent & Socialist Canada.
Jan. 18: Hansen on Centrism
Jan. 25: on Angola
Feb. 1: oN inflation, (part II), by Frost
Feb. 8: An evaluation of CARAL and our work
Feb. 15: Role of the revolutionary press
M/C Kent that the internal on NDP work be suspended and the one on CARAL be given before the CARAL conference.
M/C to accept report as amended.
M/C to Committee to schedule internal on the Palestinian struggle.
NEW BUSINESS: Cameron reported on national meeting of CARAL and attack against issue of defence of Morgentaler by supporters of national CARAL.
CALENDAR: read and MEETING ADJOURNED: at 10:40 PM

Minutes of Toronto Branch January 18, 1976--commenced at 8:10 pm.

1: Chairman : secretary - Kent
2: Attendance : Absent with reason: Roy, Chaplin, Wallce, Rubur, Goldman, Wilson
3: Minutes: Motion: to adopt minutes as read. Ammendment to delete point 9 as erroneous. Mtion carried unanimously as ammended.
4: Organizers Report by Frost: Recommendation by the executive a) that Anderson be given a leave of absence, b) that Frost be replaced as interim organizer, c) that Deutch replace Anderson as organizer and that he go on staff, d) that Hansen be dropped from educational committee due to pressure of other opportunities e) that Fitzgerald nominationsbe open to replace Hansen on educational committee--the executive nominating Fitzgerald. No further nominations--Fitzgerald acclaimed. Frost welcomed Fitzgerald to membership in the Socialist League. Report adopted

5 Report from Women's fraction by Volpe: a) women's fraction planning a social inviting sympathizers and close contacts on Saturday evening January 31. b) womens fraction is opening a discussion on wages for housework c) a day care reform alliance has been set up. The committee against Day Care cutbacks is holding a demonstration Jan 17 .(d) Women's fraction is preparing an intervention in the Metro Region NDP conference to be held over March 5,6,7.(e) the fraction discussed problem of activating the Morgenthaler Amnesty Committee. Motion to adopt report with points (d) and (e) being referred to the executive for further discussion. Moved and carried.

6 Report from the educational committe by Frost . Motion that the Jan 25th internal be slated as an external on Angola January 30th. Ammendment that we continue with the subject as an internal on the 25th and that we also slate it as an external on the 30th. passed. Nomiations for internal opened. Fitzgerald will speak at both the internal and external educational. Report on the last forum by Deutch. 27 attended, several of our York U contacts. Scott's evalution of book on Rape well received, disucsuion very good. It was suggested that a copy of our press be placed on every chair at our forums. ...and that chair should encourage those in attendance to subscribe to Forward. Internal by Levi was thought to spend too much time on introductory and background material at the expense of the topic--the use of the slogan For an independent (and) socialist Canada. Motion to adopt report carried.

Break for dues and pledges

7 - Interim social report. by Cameron. The social committee is considering taking over responsibility for the after-forum social affairs, it will be recommending a plan for a league social shortly. Thorson urged that preparations for a big May Day social be got underway-- report adopted as information.

8 - Campus fraction report by Levi: Motion from fraction that SL consider recrutiment of Mac. Information report on progress of OFS anti-cutbacks Jan 21st action. Report on ULC food action campaign and preliminary discussion on elections to student body. Suuplementary report by Red on food boycott prject and student co-op operation. M and carried that report be adopted.

9-New Business - Report by Stone on Metro Region NDP conference, suggested possibilities of our intervention, and NDP teachers caucus . Motion to refer to executive carried.
- Deutch moved a motion of thanks to Frost for his efforts as interim organizer. passed unanimously. Survey on meeting night affirmed Sundays.
- Kent reported on teachers strike and Channel 19 program on labor.

Calendar read.
Meeting adjourned.

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MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - SUNDAY, JAN. 25, 1976

Chair: McKenzie Secretary: Hernandez

Attendance:Absent without reason:

Agenda: adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Deutsch reported.

1) Discussion on comrade Mills; requests change in status to sympathizer. M/C Kent to maintain regular contact Mills as sympathizer without prejudice to his return to membership status.

2) Discussion over G.M.'s application for membership. M/C that he be admitted.

Executive Report: Deutsch reported:

1) In response to request by Lighthouse that she be re-assigned, she is to be dropped from Executive and that she continue work in CARAL. M/C Levi replace Lighthouse on Executive.

2) M/C that Deutsch be relieved from responsibilities of treasurer and that Frost replace him as treasurer

Educational Reoprt:

1) Evaluation of forum panel discussion on cutbacks on the campus. Our approach to addressing people in our audiences should be to use the term "comrade" at our HQ and the term "brother/sister" at broader popular forums.

2) Evaluation of internal on Centrism.

3) Adoption of educational report.

Campus Report:

1) Evaluation by Levi of Jan. 21 demo. Projected to broaden campaign into supporting other groups affected by cutbacks and developing coalitions on oth er campuses.

2) Report adopted as information

3) M/C that report be refferred back to fraction for further discussion.

New Business: (CARAL)

1) Cameron to go to Montreal to visit Dr. Morgentaler.

2) Plans made in offing for testemonial dinner.

3) Report evaluating CARAL adopted as information.

(Daycare)

1) Evaluation of demonstration.

2)

(Trade Union Report)

1) Report on contract talks for Hansen's local.

2) Report on new struggle potential in CUPE.

3) Suggestion that future distr ibutions at plants should go into them.

(Angola demonstration)

1) TCLSAC proposing support MPLA demonstration. M/C we endorse it.

Adjournment: 10:48.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Jan. 29/76: 8:20 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Red. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Levi, Anderson

3. Correspondence:
   -discussion of Guy M.
   -m/c to send a comrade to Orillia to meet with Mazdak and Guy

4. Minutes: m/c to adopt min. of Jan. 20/76

5. Correspondence:
   -m/c to write to Next Year Country and Canadian Dimension to establish fraternal relations
   -m/c to refer to editorial board the question of affiliating Forward to the Canadian Periodical Publishers Association
   -m/c that SL send $25 to Next Year Country as a gesture of solidarity in its defence against the lawsuit launched against it by real estate interests in Sask.

6. Membership and Contacts:
   -report by Cameron on Goldman's assignment in day care work -- direction is to be involved in Committee Against Daycare Cutbacks and broader cutbacks coalition
   -two campus contacts have requested to join SL (Mike K. and Frank L.)
   -campus fraction recommends moving towards recruitment of Mike K. and Frank L. by means of inviting them to attend introductory, recruitment classes -- m/c to approve by exec.

7. HQ Staffing:
   -discussion of personnel and timetable for staffing HQ and bookstore
   -m/c to adopt roster system
   -m/c to have exec. meetings on Tues. nights
   -m/c to rotate exec. [illegible] comrades for staffing HQ one night a week

8. Campus Report:
   -by Red
   report on food issue and on Excalibur (we are regaining control)
   -rundown of various activities of the campus fraction
   -campus fraction has decided to put H.'s name forward for CYSF presidency as an interim measure until we decide whether we will run an SLer
   -m/c to refer discussion of presidential candidate to joint exec.-campus fraction meeting
   -ULC will put out call for a United Left Slate open to all around a broad student activist program
   -province-wide left caucus in OFS is being proposed
   -m/c to table discussion of involving CP in process of building province-wide ULC

9. CARAL:
   -report by Cameron on campaign to pardon Morgentaler and having a testimonial dinner for Morgentaler and mass rally

-m/c to endorse report

10. Trade Union Report:
    -by Hansen
    -informational report

11. New Business:
    -discussion on Camp Poundmaker
    -report on NDP Metro Area Council and our line is to urge comrades to become delegates from their ridings and union locals.
    -discussion of resolution to urge NDP to organize mass demo. versus wage freeze with labor Movement
    -m/c to have NDP educational this weekend at branch

12. Adjournment at 10:10 p.m.

February 1, 1976 Branch Minutes:

1. Chairperson: Red. Secretary: Cameron.

2. Attendance: absent with reason: Lighthouse, Goldman, Jennings, Smith, Roy, Kent

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Jan. 28

4. Correspondence:
   -Deutsch reported on letters from Bob W. in England
   -m/c that SL send $25 to Next Year Country in solidarity with their defence campaign
   -m/c to refer to exec. the question of how we should conduct solidarity with NYC work in our work areas
   -m/c to initiate correspondence with Canadian Dimension

5. Membership and Contacts:
   -two possible recruits from York U -- Mike K. and Frank L.
   -m/c to refer to M&C Cttee the question of asking these contacts to attend our recruitment classes

6. Educationals:
   -internals--Frost unable to give tonight's internal on Inflation
   --m/c that Deutsch give an educational on the NDP instead and that the internal lineup be re-adjusted
   -externals--evaluation of forum on Angola by Murray Dowson

7. Executive Reoprt:
   --by Deutsch
   -report on staffing of headquarters and bookstore
   -m/c that there be an educational on relationship between membership in the SL and the mass movements

8. Campus Report:
   -by Levi
   -report on food boycott survey, anti-cutbacks committee, CARAL work (McKenzie assigned to this work area), and coming student council elections
   -ULC is working on putting forward a slate for upcoming elections by reviving the United Left Slate -- fraction will discuss whether presidential candidate will be an SLer

9. CARAL:
   -report by Cameron
   -m/c that we press for a large mass meeting for Morgentaler

10. Trade Union Report:
   -by Hansen
   -m/c to send 2 comrades to meeting of left unionists involving RMG and Andre B.

11. New Business:
   -Red reported on campus forum on Angola
   -Scott reported on SL Women's social -- 15 attended, modest affair

12. Calendar read and Adjournment at 10:50 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Feb. 3/76: 8:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Red. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Anderson.

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Jan. 29 exec. meeting.

4. Correspondence:
   -discussion of Bob W.'s proposal to open discussion with RSL in Britain
   -m/c to write back to Bob [redacted] and telling him that if the RSL wishes to talk to us they should approach us directly

5. Personnel:
   -m/c to suspend Anderson from exec. until further notice and that we should write to him to get in touch
   -discussion of failure of comrades to rally to Murray D.'s forum in which he declared himself with the SL

6. NDP:
   -Metro Area Council
      -our approach should be to get as many comrades and contacts possible to become delegates
      -we should carry a campaign for a mass demonstration into the conference against the AIB and provincial cutbacks
   -m/c to assign Kent as interim NDP coordinator
   -discussion of openness of our comrades as SLers -- we want to pose our legitimacy as much as possible in as sensitive a way as possible recognizing that it is still difficult to be open
   -m/c to refer question of our open SL name to educational committee with view of eventually documenting our views

7. Next Year Country:
   -referred from branch to consider carrying support campaign by comrades in work areas
   -our view should be to promote this campaign where possible [redacted]

8. CARAL:
   -report by Cameron on actions for Morgentaler
   -mass rally for Morgentaler likely on Feb. 25th
   -campus comrades and Scott will be mobilized to go to CARAL national conference

9. Campus:
   -increasing our contacts
   -campus steering committee: Levi, Red, McKenzie, and Lighthouse
   -report on ULC election campaign
   -proposal that Joint exec/SL campus fraction meeting include contacts
   -m/c to adopt campus report

10. New Business:
   -m/c to refer ANZJ to next exec.
   -m/c to have a short series on basic Marxist classes
   -m/c next exec. mtg. on Sun. at 1:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment at 11:05 p.m.

(Found attached to Feb 8/76 EL Minutes)

WAGE/PRICE CONTROLS:

Whereas any wage-price controls instituted anywhere by a capitalist government have always been used solely against working people and whereas such controls have ha d little effect in stopping inflation;

Whereas both the NDP and the CLC are on record opposing the Trudeau version of wage-price controls for Ca nada;

Whereas the Ontario Tory government is instituting its own vicious anti-inflation measures by laying off thousands of workers in the socially most important areas such as hospitals and day care;

Whereas action is required such as the mass demonstration of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labor against the NDP government's wage control policy on Feb. 2;

Be it therefore resolved that:
the ONDP organize a demonstration and invite the OFL to cosponsor and particip ate and build this demonstration,
and be it further resolved that this demonstration take place before the end of this year (possibly in conjunntion with the OFL convention in Toronto in N ovember)

NUCLEAR POWER:

Whereas radio-active hot spots in the town of Port Hope threaten the health, if not the lives, of this and future generations;

And whereas, this recent revelation has underlined the continuing seemingly unsolvable problem of the disposal of radio-active wastes;

Therefore, be it resolved that all future construction of nuclear electric generating plants be indefinitely shelved until the existing pl ants can be made safe and a solution to the p roblem of radio-active waste disposal can be presented to the public for their acceptance or rejection.

MORGENTALER:

Whereas Dr. Morgentaler, by his willingness to commit himself to action regardless of persona l consequences, has supported the right of women to choose whether or not to terminate an unwanted pregnancy;

Whereas Dr. Morgentaler has saved many women's lives by offering them the most up-to-date and thoroughly safe abortions as an alternative to back allye butchers or self-induced mutilations performed out of desperation;

Whereas Dr. Morgentaler has done so at tremendous personal cost -- harassment by the state, loss of liberty, p ersecution, and humiliation;

Whereas the NDP is the only party in Canada representing fundamental rights and freedoms for all Canadians who suffer exploitation and oppression;

Whereas the NDP is most effectively organized at the provincial level;

Be it therefore resolved that the policy of the ONDP be to educate its membership and affiliates about the justified struggle by women for

TORONTO BRANCH MEETING FEB. 8/76 8:10 PM

Chair: McKenzie Secretary: Morgan

Agenda: adopted as read.

Attendance: Absent without reason: Cameron, Chapin, Jennings, Mills, Scriebnam, Shier, Smith, Thorson, Volpe, Wilson, Willis, McClung, Frost

Minute: M/C to delay minutes of last meeting until Cameron arrives.
Contacts and Memebership: Deutsch reported that Robur was ill tonight and unable to work and had requested an indefinite leave of absence. M/C to grant this comrade this leave of absence.
Anderson has returned from his trip. M/C that branch organizer contact him as soon as possibel to discuss with him and inform him he should attend branch meetings, or have his leave of absence extended or inform the organizer otherwise.

Campus Report: Levi reported for joint Campus fraction/Executive meeting. A new steering committee of Lighthouse, Levi, McKenzie and Red formed. ULC conference next week.
Discussion on issue of constitution and control of student paper Excalibur and attempt by right wing to exclude ULC. M/C Roy that McKenzie be assigned to research operation and relevant facts on control and funding of Excalibut for Wednesday night meeting. M/C Kent that fraction come up with a position on ~~role of student paper and our line~~ structure of editorial board and relationship to Student Council.
M/C to adopt report.

Education Report: Deutsch reporting. for exec.
Report on previous internal by Deutsch on Our work in NDP and on last external forum on Marxism and the Scientific Method given last Friday by Deutsch, at which 30 attended, among many of whom were contacts.
Reported that contact classes series to begin in a week or two. M/C Kent to refer question of Contact classes back to Committee as to participation.
M/C Fitzgerald that whole question of committees should be re-considered by the Executive with a view to merging Educational and Social committees into executive.

Dues & Pledges : taken Education: Frost not available for educational on inflation.
M/C Kent that a hatbox be held after regular business is dealt with.

Executive Report: Deutsch ;Social committee projecting one social event each month, including a bowling night and film night. M/C Kent that question of May Day Social be refered to Exec.
M/C to adopt report.
It was reported that Metro NDP Area Council holding conference on cutbacks and wage & price controls that comrades should become delegates if possible. M/c to adopt.
Deustch reported that League had been approached by Canadaian Liberation Movement regarding participation in a demonstration against Reid Paper Co. at their art show.
M/C to accept report which includes a couple of comrades to investigate the demonstration and attend.
Hansen reported on left and officail slates at Labor Council ~~at which left excluded from elected posts~~. M/C to adopt.
Educational: Short hatbox held.
Calendar: read,
Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 PM

MORGENTALER (continued)

the right to choose whether or not to terminate an unwanted pregnacy, by having access to safe abortions and about the cruel and unjust persecution of Dr. Morgentaler, by series of articles in the Ontario New Democrat, speakers from the Canadian Association to Repeal the Abortion Laws to constituency meetings; and that the ONDP give its support to actions and campaigns in support of the above two related issues by sending representatives to CARAL and participating in efforts to grant full pardon and clearing of charges against Canada's political martyr Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

MILITARY EXPENDITURES:

Canadian working people are confronted by ever widening and increasingly more ruthless attacks on their living standard, jobs and social and other services (e.g. the curtailment of passenger rail service, protested by the Canadian Railway Labor association). Workers have wrung these services and their living standard from resistant employers and their political allies in government over years of hard struggle. The Liberals at the federal level have designed the so-called "anti-inflation measures" while the provincial governments are expected to extend and execute them.

One almost overlooked yet major contributor to inflation is the defence budget. These military expenditures have an enormously inflationary impact on the economy. In opposing the "anti-inflation" campaign at the provincial level, NDP MPP's must not ignore this aspect.

Although the political advocates of big business surpass each other in their cutback proposals which they claim necessary to fight inflation, in the area of military budget and Canadian commitment to NATO-NORAD, their generosity knows no restraints.

The Trudeau government cynically refuses to index mother's allowance against inflation. Yet current expenditures on the armed forces are scheduled to double to about $5 billion in the next fiscal year -- ironically in a period of greatly decreased international tension. Furthermore, the government is making these military expenditures inflation-proof by permitting them to rise up to 12% a year in real terms (i.e. on top of inflation) for the next five years. When Defence Minister James Richardson tried to justify these expenditures as necessary to protect North America against an alleged build-up of the Warsaw Pact nations, N DP foreign affairs critic Andrew Brewin rightly ridicul ed this threat of attacks as illusory.

In terms of Canada's own defence needs, Canada's domestic armed forces are almost totally ineffective in protecting Canada against foreign attacks or invasion of its sovereign Arctic waters by U.S. ships (only effective when used as a repressive force within Canada itself -- i.e. Winnipeg 1919 and Quebec during the War Measures Act, and potentially against the labor movement in a future economic crisis).

The defence production sharing agreements have further assimilated Canada's forces into the U.S. war machine over the recent years. The arms and chemical sales by Canada to the U.S. for use against the Vietnamese are now succeeded by a government decision to buy $950 million worth of long range patrol planes from the U.S., as a result of public pressure from former U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger when he openly pressed the Canadian government to step up its military commitments to NATO and the continental military system. Yet, with detente, the U.S. government is reducing its own defence deficit and feeling

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increased public pressure to pull out of an increasingly discredited NATO alliance altogether.

Be it therefore resolved that NDP MP's and MPP's publicly campaign against the federal "anti-inflation measures" and their extension and implementation at the provincial level by opposing all expenditures for Ottawa's military budget and demanding that Canada withdraw from NATO and NORAD (as is NDP policy) to eliminate a useless and destructive source of inflation.

SCHREYER AND THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WAGE FREEZE:

Whereas Premier Schreyer of the Manitoba NDP represents a powerful and authoritative voice in the party as a whole;

Whereas Mr. Schreyer, by his alignment "almost enrirely" with Prime Minister Trudeau's concept of increasing hardship for Canadians supposedly in the interests of Canada as a whole, constitutes a shocking and dangerous betrayal of the principles and interests of the NDP as a labor party representing the working people of Canada and all those others who suffer oppression and exploitation;

Whereas Mr. Schreyer's appeal to partiotism for Canadians to rally behind Trudeau's wage program and 10 years of austerity at a time that the labor movement is mobilizing a concerted opposition against the Liberal government to hold onto its hard-won social and economic gains;

Whereas Mr. Schreyer's government has already placed the people of Manitoba under the jurisdiction of Trudea u's wage freeze;

Be it therefore resolved that every authoritative body of the NDP and its leaders join with the Canadian Labor Congress's denunciation of Mr. Schreyer's, and his government's, policies as a betrayal of NDP principles and mobilize by means educational and political to repudiate and reverse this stab in the back of the working people of Canada.

RESOLUTION ON DEMO AGAINST CUTBACKS:

Whereas the Tory government's cutbacks are an extension of the attempt of the Trudeau government to unload the burden of inflation onto the backs of working people by spending ceilings on day care, education, dismantling of hospital facilities, and a host of other reactionary measures;

Whereas isolated protest is futile to halt these draconican cuts which are intended to unemploy 5,000 people in order to leave public revenues free to subsidize the corporate welfare bums that back the big business parties;

Whereas what is needed is a united front of the labor movement, teachers, social service workers, students, etc. mobilized in concerted fashion to demonstrate massive opposition to the Ontario government;

Whereas Stephen Lewis, ONDP leader, has repeatedly stated that the parliamentary ~~caucus~~ caucus regards the cutbacks as sufficient justification to defeat the minority Tory government;

Be it therefore resolved that the MTAC-NDP constitute itself as an organizing committee both within the party and outward to all

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those affected by the cutbacks particularly organized groupings for the purpose of co-ordinating and organizing a mass demonstration and protest at Queen's Park on May 1 (to coincide ~~XXX~~ with the traditional day of mobilization of the Quebec labor movement, especially the social service sector, against the anti-worker policies of the government in Quebec) with speakers to be drawn from the official trade union movement, the NDP, and the organized sectors affected by the cutbacks.

➤ in solidarity with action of Cutbacks Committee and further initiatives.

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- Feb. 15/76:

1. Chairperson: Levi. Secretary: Hernandez.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Thorson, Anderson, Stone, ~~[illegible]~~ Jennings,
late--Chaplin and Willis

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Jan. 25 and Feb. 8 as amended

4. Membership and Contacts:
-Mac welcomed as new member of branch, bringing total formal membership up to 33
-m/c to grant Anderson leave of absence till March 15

5. Executive Report:
-m/c to assimilate Membership and Contacts Committee and NDP coordinatorship into exec. with Deutsch taking responsibility for these two areas until new coordinators can be found
-m/c to refer question of distributing coordinatorships more evenly among executive to executive
-m/c to investigate Cutbacks Coalition, to assign Red, Deutsch and McClung to coordinating our work in this area, and to propose that Metro NDP get involved in organizing a demonstration against the cutbacks at the legislature preferably on May 1st
-m/c to adopt report as a whole

6. Educational Rep ort:
-m/c that March 7 internal be an analysis of the periodicals of the nationalist left, specifically Next Year Country, Our Generation, Canadian Forum, and This Magazine
-m/c that external lineup be:
-Feb. 27-on issue of Canadian unions with Norman Penner to be approached as speaker -- m/c to refer backup speaker to educational cttee.
-March 5-panel on current trade union mvmt in Canada
-March 12-on trade union bureaucracy -- m/c to refer back to exec.
-m/c to hold forum on Stalinism and the role of the Soviet union in the world with Homily as speaker and Chris as chairwoman
-contact class report to be defereed to educational cttee
-review of Ross's forum on Marxism and Literature
-m/c to adopt report

7. Calendar read and adjournment at 10:45 p.m.

MINUTES TORONTO BRANCH FEB. 22/76 8:10 PM

Adopted as amended pm 7/76

Chair: Jennings Secty: Morgan

Minutes: ~~adopted as read~~. M/C to table until next meeting.

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Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Feb. 24, 1976: 8:35 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Frost. Secretary: Deutsch.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Red, McClung, Levi

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Feb. 15/76

4. Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews:
   -informational reports by Deutsch and Schriebman
   -m/c that Schriebman, Levi, and Deutsch be formally assigned to ANZJ work and that Levi be coordinator for ~~XX~~ SL and that ~~X~~ Schriebman be assigned to working on editorial board of Jewish Alternatives

5. Discussion of NDP Work:
   -report on Metro Toronto Area Council delegates among comrades and contacts
   -m/c that resolutions we are presenting (be): Anti-cutbacks demo, Morgentaler, military expenditures, Schreyer, Nuclear Power Plants
   -m/c that next branch meeting be an NDP strategy discussion for 1 1/2 hours and then educational report
   -m/c to invite our close sympathizers to branch meeting
   -m/c that report on NDP emphasize action to the NDP and the necessity of building a left wing now and put forward that we will have a floor leadership
   -m/c that floor leadership be Deutsch, Frost, and Red
   -m/c that Deutsch report on NDP work

6. Membership and Contacts:
   -m/c that we move to having a recruitment discussion with Frank L. after he has read "Subversion of Our Orientation" document
   -discussion on Tad M. -- m/c that we freeze him out of internal information and warn comrades to that effect and that we tell him that his membership application is tied to his doing external and regular work for the SL
   -discussion of Anderson -- m/c that Deutsch and Frost talk to him as soon as possible to discuss his relationship to the movement

7. Problmms of the Branch:
   -discussion of educational committee
   -m/c that we discuss standards of reporting to branch meeting -- worked out and cleared through organizer
   -m/c to refer question of coordinators for NDP, M&C, and Social Committees
   -m/c to refer discussion of HQ work to next exec. mtg.

8. Campus:
   -m/c that Frost call together campus cttee. mtg. to discuss our program for ULS

9. Cutbacks Coalition:
   -m/c to move coalition into Metro NDP conference

10. Budget:
   -m/c to refer to next exec. mtg.

11. Adjournment at 11:45 p.m.

MINUTES TORONTO BRANCH MEETING 29 Feb.'76 8:15 PM

Chair: Scott Secretary: Morgan

Agenda: adopted as read.
Attendance: Absent without reason: Mac, Wilson, Fitzgerald, Hernandez, [redacted], Lighthouse, Paddy, [redacted], Schriebman, Smith, Thorson.
Minutes: of Feb. 1: not available
Feb. 8: " "
Feb. 15: " "
Feb. 22: " "
Executive Report: Deutsch reported on necessity for prepared reporte to expedite business of meetings. M/C to adopt.
NDP Report: Deutsch reported. Copies of Draft resolutions along lines we wish to see passed at Metro conference passed out to comrades. Discussion. M/C floor leaders at conference be: Red, Frost & Deutsch. Lit table & sub sales to be set up.
BREAK FOR DUES & PLEDGES

M/C Willis & Chapin be excused.
Educational: M/C to move to later in agenda.
Educational Report: :Roy reported. Evaluation of Hernandez on World Stalinism last Friday forum.
Recruitment class series topics are to be: 1)Dialectical materialism, 2) the revolutionary organization, 3)the Russian revolution 4)Stalinism 5)Transitional program & 4th International, 6) the SL and the struggle for a socialist Canada.
M/C that we have a 20-minute presentation. Series to start when contacts to be invited are available.
M/C Attendance be $1.00 for series. To be held at QH.
Roy & Jennings to head classes in general. M/C McKenzie & Volpe attend classes as well. M/W to refer question of speakers back.
M/C to cancel educational tonight as speaker not present.
NEW BUSINESS: Hansen reported on Steel local, where 4 resolutions were passed for CLC convention.
CARAL: Cameron reported on Morgentaler benefit dinner last week. Good SL participation. $2,000 raised for defence fund. Kent reported on CARAL meeting where Robinson and others attempted to scuttle membership character of org.
CAMPUS: Hernandez reported on ULC slate and program and favourable developments in Excalibur constitution issue. M/C to adopt.
Calendar: read and
Adjournment: at 10:50 PM

Adopted as amended Mar 7/76

MINUTES TORONTO BRANCH MARCH 7, 1967 at 8:10 pm

Chair: Frost Secty Morgan

Agenda: Adopted as proposed.
Attendance: Absent without reason: Paddy, Thorson, Wilson, Volpe
Minutes: of Feb. 1 not available
of Feb. 8 adopted as amended
of Feb. 15 not available
of Feb. 22 adopted as amended
of Feb. 29 adopted as amended

NDP CONFERENCE: Deutsch reported. We had 6 delegates. Forward well accepted, as was lit table. Comrades headed workshops, Resolutions among which one dissociating conference with Schreyer on wage & price controls, passed easily. Report adopted.

Educational report: Roy reported on contact series: campus contacts unable to attend at this time due to studies. Motion by Red that series start April 11th. Report adopted.

Break for dues & pledges.

Educational: Fitzgerald on Inflation.

Campus Fraction: Levi reported that ULS slate with Gail Selzer as presidential candidate decided upon and that UBS adopted campaign program as proposed by Red and Levi with Mckenzie certain alterations. Excalibur support of opposition slate achieved by maneuver excluding ULS members from vote.
600 at meeting for Morgentaler, and Forward distributed. Also at Cheddi Jagan meeting CFS plenary Mar. 2/Moratorium vote carried by comrades against CP opposition Left caucus meeting had 40 in attendance
The question of sections of program defeated by ULS and proferred resignation of fraction co-ordinator tabled for Exec. discussion.
Report adopted as information.

New Business: Motion by Red to refer to organizer question of seeking whether demonstration to table place on anniversary of Spanish Civil War.
Levi reported on Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews and coming meetings with Rabbi Berger here and in Montreal
Kent reported on Dethune College conference on Spanish Civil War at York and our planned intervention with leaflet with article from Labor Challenge exposing CP Role. Motion to refer to campus fraction participation of comrades.

Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 pm

Minutes of March 14, 1976:

1. Chairperson: Charlie. Secretary: Abie.

2. Attendance: absent with reason--Stu, Bill, Dale(late), Murray, Rozi (late), Mac, Paul, Alice

3. Minutes: m/c to defer reading of minutes to next branch

4. Membership and Contacts: by Gord
   -report on Tad M. -- to be considered a contact but we must be very closed to this contact because he behaves in a suspicious manner
   -m/c to extend Stu's leave of absence to the end of this month
   -m/c to adopt exec. proposal that informal Marxist classes be set up with some of our newere contacts with Harry P., Chris, and Dale assigned
   -m/c to drop the use of pseudonyms in the minutes except for comrades with security problems, who should use consistent pseudonyms around the movement

5. Executive Report:
   1. evaluation of NDP metro conference -- weakly represented from ridings -- therefore, although a useful forum for the left, serves as a safety valve for the activists in the party to blow off steam
   -m/c to adopt report
   2. Social committee -- m/c to hold a social next weekend
   -m/c to refer May Day social of a united front character to executive

6. Educational Report:
   -externals:
      -m/c to have forum on presentation of medical care in Ontario in form of a panel in April
      -m/c to have forum on Psychoanalysis and Feminism with speaker referred to women's fraction
      -m/c to hold forum on Should the NDP vote against the Military Budget?
      -m/c to have a forum Whither Spain?
      -m/c to hold forum Lotteries and Olympics in the decay of capitalism.--educational cttee will search for outside speakers
      -m/c to adopt the following lineup -- March 26: Should the NDP vote against the Military Budget? with Harry Paine speaking; April 2: Women in the workforce -- Should they organize separate unions? with Judy Brooke; April 9: Whither Spain? with Dale Ritch.
      -evaluation of Ross's forums on labor mvmt's fight against the wage controls
   -internals:
      -evaluation of Murray's internal on Inflation
      -lineup: tonight--Linda on Forward, Left Periodicals with Wayne, For an Independent and Socialist Canada with Abie, PLO and terrorism with Harry K., and Wages for Housework

7, Educational: Linda on building Forward

-recommendations of educational:
-monthly edit. board reports to the branch
-quarterly reports on Forward circulation
-circulation manager to be elected yearly
-m/c to refer these questions to the exec.

8. Cutbacks Report:
-by Chris on behalf of executive
-March 11 rally a failure and negative
-maximum total attendance at 450 with about 150 or so from the tendencies -- little labor participation
-Sparts disrupted meeting
-our line in cutbacks coalition should be to pose the need for getting labor participation to build the coalition and to pose the need to have organizational delegation for determining votes and representation to achieve goal of labor participation
-m/c to adopt report

9. Campus Report:
-by Abie
-m/c to refer Dale's resignation from CYSF presidency to campus fraction
-m/c to adopt report

10. New Business:
-Calvin reported on CLC's brass attempt to thwart democratic decision making
-Fred suggested that educational committee consider having a forum dealing with Bob Laxer's book on the Canadian union movement
- Calvin reported on labour council meeting

11. Calendar read and adjournment at 11:20 p.m.

TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - March 21/76

Chair: Zahir Secretary: Dale R. (minutes transcribed by John D. June 18/76)
Attenance: absent without reason: Paul K., Alice K., Mac M., Jane C., Jim ., Julie T., Harry K..

Minites: Mc. to adopt minutes for Feb. 15/76 M/C to adopt minutes for Mar. 7/76. M/C to adopt minutes for March 14/76

Campus Report: Levi reported on the ULS's electroal defeat. Larger than expected but ULS has grown in size and influence during the campaign. D le resigned as CYSF President. Need a joint meeting of the campus frattion and executive. The ULS is now organizeing a campaign to force the Board of Governors to raise fees by by $2.50 per student to meet the requirements of the OFS and NUS referenda.
M/C to adopt report.

Social Report: Dale reported on the SL party which took place on Saturday night.

Trade Union Fraction: Labour Council is support i ng the April 3 demonstration against Social Service Cutbacks.
--support fot the March 22 action in Ottawa is growing - 41 busses from Toronto and a train is coming through from Windsor
--Cole Steel Steel is facing a large layoff which could decimate the executive.
---There are about a dozen comrades going up to Ottawa to distribute 4000 copies of Forward at the demonstration. M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: Turnout at the R Penner forum was very small, only about 20 people.
M/C to refer to the execuve the question of whetheer or not wwe can carry external forums at this time.
Judy made an evaluation of the previous internal on the Press.
M/C to adopt repor.

Alliance of No-n-Zionist Jews: Abie reported onthe two Berger meetings at York and U. of T.. Both meetings were relatively successful, about 50 attended each. M/C to skip the educational as Wayne is not present and to skip the brak and move into other business.

Other Business: 1) Cutbacks Coalition: attempt made to kick the Spartacists out of the Coalition. Evaluation of the direction of the Coalition was reserved the the coming week's meeting. No real labour or NDP support inthe coal ition. Coalition is going ahead with April 3 demonstration. M/C to adopt the report as information.

Calendar: read

Adjournment: 9:30 PM

TORONTO BRANCH MINUTES --- SUNDAY MARCH 28/76 8:10 Pm

Chairperson P Charles Secty: John D.

Agenda: Standard agenda adopted.
Attendance: absent without known reason: ~~xxxxxx~~ Calvin, Murray, Wayne,
Minutes: Minutes of meeting of March 21 read as information .
Membership & Contacts: Gord reported. M/C Guy M. be dropped to status of sympathizer without prejudice.
Report on Hans and Maylin M.
M/C to refer question of recruitment of F.L. to exec.
M/C to refer policy of inviting new members to meetings ~~xx~~ to exec.
Campus Report: Abie.
Reported that George M. elected as interim president of CYSF over nominee Paul.
Fraction exec. intends to carry out literary discussion on our position on NDP as it applies to campus.
M/C that we schedule a dissussion in branch educationals before taking a decision to open literary discussion.
CARAL: Harry P. M/C to refer report to executive.
Educationals Committee: Gord.
Internal schedule for tonight not available because of switched dates.
M/C to have educational on our program in relation to Canadian nationalist issues on the campus, with Abie as speaker.
Report on Harry P.'s forum on the Canadian military establishment last Friday. Only 6 or 7 present. Discussion on lack of attendance at forums, which is a political responsiblity of comrades.
Next Friday: Judy on Working Women in the Union Movement.
Financial Report: Not available.
Educational: Abie on Symons Report and program of Canadian nationalism on campus.
New Business: Gord reported on labor demonstration at Ottawa against Wage & Price controls attended by 30,000 on March 22nd and distribution of 3,000 copies of Forward. Good reception to paper, several requests for copies to distribute, or bundles.
Ross reported on speech before Panitch group in Ottawa.
Organized Working Women's Conference: Judy reported. 180 in attendance.
May Day Social: Gord reported. Negative reponse from IS for joint affair

Fred C. reported on Steel local election at which executive re-elected.
Paul K. reported elected to Downsview NDP exec. Charles L. reported on NDP campus club drive.
Harry K. reported on developments in Damien case.
Calendar: redd
Meeting Adjourned: at 10:40 PM

adopted @ meeting of April 4/76

(Found in 1976)

BRANCH MEETING APRIL 4, 1975 TORONTO 8:10 PM

Chair: Calvin Secretary: John D.

Agenda: adopted as read

Attendance: Absent without reason: Fred, Alice, Harry K. Paul K, Jim M., Bill M, Dave.P.

Minutes: of meeting of March 28 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Comrades Julie, Chris and Judy granted leave of absence from April 12 to 19.

Report on Gary O. M/C to move toward recruitment. Close contact who lives in Ottawa.

Discussion on Frank L. Recommendation from Campus fraction to recruit. M/C that Gord approach him for formal membership.

M/C to table matter of criteria for attendance at Branch meetings as regards close contacts or those about to be recruited.

Educational Report: Homily reported. M/C to accept resignation of Charles from committee and that Homily be new co-ordinator.

External line-up: April 9th forum cancelled in favor of Plyschch meeting.

April 16: Dale on The Situation in Spain. Abie elected chairperson

April 23: Ross on Currents in Maoism, Homily elected chairperson.

April 30: Murray on the State of Cdn unions today

M/C to table question of chairperson.

M/C for May 7: A round table discussion on Juliet Mitchell book "Psychoanalysis & Feminism?

Internals: M/C next week Dale & Abie & Alice give positions on a program for the campus.

Discussion on previous internal and forum.

Educational: Wayne on Nationalist Periodicals in Canada.

Financial Report: Charles reported on financial status as of March 31, 1976. Large pledges due and outstanding figure. M/C to adopt as information.

Executive Report: Gord reporting. M/C that branch adopt recommendation for changes in Forward Editorial Board. Stu & Judy dropped.

M/C Forward Fund Drive be launched for a two month period starting April 15 and ending June 15. M/C to refer goal to Budget Committee.

Meeting for soviet dissident Physhch on Friday 9th at Convocation Hall. M/C there be a branch mobilisation to sell Ukrainian pamphlet by Trotsky and distribute Forward.

May Day Social: Lithuanisn Hall booked, notice and cards to be issued this week.

M/C to adopt report.

Cutbacks Coalition: Gord reported for Chris. April 3 demo drew 600-700 including Daycare activists, but lacked broad support. Coalition LSA dominated and with little perspective. We will maintain contact to attempt to broaden base for April 28th demo participation. Chris, Harry P. and Judy to attend.

Trade Union Report: Calvin reported on layoffs in his Steel local & violation of contract. Calvin reported on Labor Council which voted to hold May Day rally over objection of Executive.

New Business: M/C skip due to late hour. M/C we provide five marshalls for Plyshch meeting.

Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourend: 11:00 pm

Accepted as of Apr 14/76

TORONTO BRANCH MEETING APRIL 11/76 8:05 PM

Chair: Murray D. Secretary: John D.
Agenda: adopted as read.
Attendance: Absent without reason: ~~Linda D.~~, ~~Chris J.~~, ~~Jim M.~~; ~~Harry P.~~ July T., Jane. C.
Minutes : Minutes of April 4 not available.
Campus Report:

Abie reported on ULC meeting and answer to attacks by Labor Challenge. Article being written for next issue of Forward on election defeat. M/C to adopt erpport as information.

Financial Report: Charles L. reported budget figures for year ~~xxxxxx~~ April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977. M/C to adopt report.
Membership & Contacs: Gord reported F.L. not present
Executive Report: Gord reported on progress of May Day social. M/C as recommended by Exec. that Dale be co-ordinator of social.
Calvin reported on Fund Drive . M/C to adopt recommendations that Forward Fund Drive committee be composed of Calvin, Charles, Dale with Gord as ex officio member. Calvin to be co-ordinator. M/C to adopt.

Calvin then reported that Fund Drive goal to be $5,500, $3000 from comrades and $2500 from contacts. Comrades' pledges and money or PD cheques wqnted by April 30 Areas assigned goals: Vancouver: $1000, Ottawa $200, St.Catharines $200, Brantford $200. $1,125 pledged to date. M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: Zahir reported on first introductory recruitment class held today, at which 7 ~~xxxxx~~ were in attandance. M/C to adopt
Trade Union Report: Calvin reported on his Steel local and arbitration case. M/C to adopt as information .
New Business: Gord reported 1,000 at Plyshch meeting, paper distributed and 32 Trotsky pamphlets sold, as well as $50 work of literature. SI & CYSF listed as sponsors of meeting. M/C by Charles that question of contacting left elements in Ukrainian movement be referred to executive with view to working with them.

Gord reported on Palestinian demo commemorating Dier Yassim massacre on April 9.

Cutbacks Coalition: Gord reporred for Chris . Homily to attend meeting tomorrow where Daycare Alliance will demand a delegated conference.
Calendar: read
Meeting ADjourned: at 10:50 PM

accepted mtg of April 18/76

(Found in 1976)

Branch Minutes April 18th 8:10

Chair: Jim M.
Attendance: absent without reason: Stu, Fred, Bill
absent with reason: Julie, Chris, Judy, Ellie, Wayne, Alice
Jim C., Jane

Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of April 11 as amended

-welcomed Frank into Branch

Executive Report by Gord: informational report on youth around CP, Plyshch tour; I.S. split; expulsion of Gary Perly from the CLM. Abie is to investigate this and report to the exec.
m/c to adopt the exec. report

Cutbacks Coalition report by Homily: seems to be the feeling that a delegated organization is necessary. m/c to adopt the report as information

May Day: m/c to send someone to Orillia to do a paper distribution at the NDP riding social where David Lewis is to speak. m/c to table the question of who is to go and the organizer will find who is available

-report on SL social by Dale - m/c to adopt report

Educational Committee Report by Homily: informational report on how the committee is coming along
-evaluation of last week's internal and external. m/c to file report

break for dues and pledges

m/c to defer educational to the end of the agenda

Trade Union Report by Ross: reported on the meetings with Bill Spera, and others. Calvin reported on the April 28th demo. at Queen's Park - it is not projected as a 1-day general strike but as a building-trades demo. a major sector. However, OFL is behind it and there should be 10,000 - 20,000 workers at it
m/c to file the report

Campus Report by Abie: ULC Steering Cttee. put out a banner for the April 28 demo "Students Support Labour's Demands"
-proposed joint campus exec meetings to assign campus comrades to center work
m/c to refer the question of a campus fund drive to campus/exec

m/c to adopt the campus report

Fund Drive Report by Calvin - m/c to refer question of one-year sustaining sub to Fund Drive Cttee. $1225 already pledged. m/c to adopt report

New Business: ~~x/x~~ Frank gave an informational report on the new newspaper to be put out this summer. m/c to refer this question to the exec.

Adjournment: 10:10

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING of April 26, 1976 - 8:00 pm

Chairperson: JaneC. Secty: John D.

Agenda: Adopted as read.

Attendance: Absent without reason: Zahir A., Jim C., Fred D., Linda D., Wayne R., Dave P., Jim M., Mac M.

Minutes: read as information M/C to adopt as information of last meeting.

Executive Report: Gord D. reported. M/C thqt Charles L. be co-opted to team leading contact classes since Zahir will be out of town soon. M/C to grant leave of absence to Zahir A. for summer period starting next weekend.

Reported Executive reccommendation to further fraternal relations with groups resulting from split in I.S. without makeing formal approach and to have an article in next issue of Forward on split. M/C to adopt.

Branch night: Executive recc. that Monday be new Branch meeting night. M/C

Cutbacks: OFL setting up Cutbacks Committee against Davis Tory government. Discussion on hor to direct Cutbacks Coalition towards this movement. M/C our line should be the liquidation of the Cutabacks Coalition in favour of OFL Committee being set up.

Executive recc. that branch be mobil ized for April 28th OFL demonstration at Queens Park against cutbacks and wage controls. 9:30 am distribution of Forward. Dale and Gord co-ordinators. M/C to adopt report.

Educational: Harry K. on Individual Terrorism in the Palestinian Liberation Movement.

C.A.R.A.L. REport : Harry P. reported for Exec. General lull in movement at this time. Building May meeting with invited speakers and Morgentaler if possible. Harry P. to be nominated to new steering committee. Comrades Judy, Alice, Harry P. , Chris to form fration. Robert K. to move to HQ and paper work.

Mass rally planned for Ottawa this fall at time of publication of Bradbury Report.

M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: Robert K. reporting committee recommendations:

Internals: Proposed for May 3: Application of our strategy on Nationalism to our campus work. Speaker: Abie M/C

Proposed for May 10th: General assessment of Cutbacks Coalition vis.-'a-vis OFL cutabacks committee. Accepte.d. Homily & Chris elected speakers

Proposed for May 17th: Wages for Housework question: Accepted. Ellie elected speaker.

Future discussion on application of our stragegy on nationalism to campus work referred back to committee pending giving of firstt ~~class~~. internal .

Proposed for May 24th: On Democratic Centalism. Accepted. Paul K. elected speaker.

Externals:

Proposed for May 7th: forum on Gonick's book on Inflation. Accepted. Charles L. elected speaker., Chairperson: Alice. K.

Proposed for May 14th: The develop9ng Crisis in the Middle East. Aceepted. Harry K. elected speaker, Robert K. chairperson. Additional outside speakers to be sought and if necessary an outside hall for this forum.

TopBc of May 21th referred back to committee (Housing, Tenants & Rent Controls).

Report on Ross D.'s forum on Maoism last Friday.

Forward Fund Drive: Calvin J. reported. Amount pledged to date: 2,833.00 or over half way to $3,000 goal from comrades. $533. of 2500 collected. A letter has been sent to contacts. M/C to adopte repart.

May Day Social Report: Gord reported M/C to adopt.

Campus Report: M/C to refer to next meeting due to lateness of hour.

New Business: Abie W. reported on Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews. Alliance to be a work area of branch, Abie to beco-ordinator, Harry K. and Gord D. assigned. M/C to adopt report.

Good & Welfare: Pat S. recovering from operation at TGH. M/C to vote funds for gift and a card. Comrades to visit.

Calendar: read and

Meeting Adjourned: at 11:15 PM

Branch Minutes May 3/76

Chairman - Charlie; Secretary - Rozi

Attendance: Absent with reason - Harry P., Frank, John, Bill, Stu, Linda
Late - Ross, Paul, Alice, Dale, Zahir

Minutes: m/c to defer the minutes of April 26 to the next meeting

Educational Report: Homily - Evaluation of last week's internal: (by Harry K.)
valuable educational on the Palestinian struggle and Terrorism.
It evoked good discussion from the branch floor

Evaluation of last external (by Murray) on the Labour Movement in Canada
-concerned the continuity of Trotskyism in Canada and where we stand with respect to other tendencies. Only 10 comrades in attendance -
Disappointing turn-out since the forum was held on May Day and was so relevant

m/c to adopt agenda as amended (the educational will be an open discussion on the question of an Independent & Socialist Canada)

Fund Drive: Report by Calvin - amount pledged to date - $3560
$3165 pledged from comrades;
-raised $247 in pledges from May Day - $148 pledged from contacts
-auctioning of candles not very successful since most of the pledges came from comrades
-response to fund drive from comrades is very enthusiastic
-next 6 weeks of fund drive directed at contacts. Job can't be carried out by fund raising committee alone. Need active participation of comrades to go out and get pledges and money from contacts. We're trying to collect $700/week
m/c to adopt report.

Educational: open discussion on the question of An Independent & Socialist Canada

break for Dues & Pledges

May Day Social: Report by Dale - good participation by comrades
-41 people attended - 23 comrades. Program came off as scheduled.
-went through with fund drive appeal - not really successful - however we raised about $250. The social broke even
-Exec assessment of social: successful social, but if we had been aware of earlier of Labour Council rally (and possibly NDP riding party) we probably would have fed into this event, rather than holding our own social. We should consider these other events when planning future May Day socials.
m/c to adopt the report

Campus Report: by Abie - discussion re motions proposed by Abie to campus fraction dealing with our orientation to the national question in the campus program. Further discussions and educationals in the branch will enable the comrades in the branch to address itself specifically to this and other questions relevant to the fraction.
Fraction Recommendations: 1)fraction members who aren't comrades be invited to attend "campus" educationals at branch meetings
2)earlier proposal to hold a literary discussion

about campus issues to be deferred

3)over summer, fraction will not meet regularly, but meetings will be called when necessary. Proposed that Paul, Homily, Abie and Alice be the Steering Committee of the fraction. They will determine when the fraction should meet and other questions relevant to the campus fraction.

4)proposed that Alice take on the task of co-ordinator of the fraction

Amendment to the report moved by Ross: to omit the proposal dealing with inviting contacts to branch meeting educationals
m/c to adopt amendment
m/c to adopt report as amended

New Business: 1)question raised by Ross re relationship to movement of new comrades ie-Frank, Paul, Mac. Have we made question of membership clear to these new recruits? Do we have a proper membership committee and proper formality which orients these comrades to the movement. This discussion will take place at the next exec. meeting and then brought back to the branch for discussion.

2)Question of co-editorship of Excalibur was defeated. Instead of co-editorship, Excalibur will have a "rotating editorship" where Mike H. will have the position of editor-in-chief during the next York election

3)Cut-backs report by Homily - discussion re cut-backs meeting where the re-structuring of the coalition as a delegated organization and the question of O.F.L. committees being set up around the cut-backs question was discussed. The major organizations in the coalition (YWCA, Day-Care Coalition, Nurses) all supported delegated status. But LSA had 15 members at the meeting and the motion on forming a delegated coalition was lost. Sherwood abstained during vote on the issue but spoke against the LSA line to have a non-delegated coalition. It seemed clear that most of the "legitimate" organizations were going to pull out and join the OFL committees.

4)evaluation of April 28 demonstaration - effectively distributed at demonstration. About 3000 - 4000 papers distributed. Got good reception of paper. About 20,000 participants at demo.

m/c to adjourn - 10:25

Minutes of Branch Meeting May 10 8:15

Chair: Harry P. Secretary: Paul

m/c to table minutes to next Branch meeting

Attendance: absent with reason - Rozi, Dale, Murray, Frank, Julie, John D. -Chris. Calvin, Wayne, Ellie (educational cttee. meeting still in progress)

m/c to move the educational report after the educational

m/c to adopt the agenda as amended

Correspondence: Gord presented a report from Maurice Flood on the disagreement over Bill 146.
m/c to refer the question to the executive

Membership & Contact Report by Gord: the exec. is having discussions re membership & contacts. Discussion on Sari - she has ~~joined the~~ moved around. Militant Workers Caucus. Mary M. brought contacts to May Day social. In particular, John who is becoming closer to the movement.
Anne D. - unable to attend classes because of her job but will now be able to attend because of rescheduling of classes.

Report on Classes by Jim: class going well - 4 contacts attending

Abie reported on Lou Ann - doesn't think of herself as a Leninist
Harry P. reported on Pat S. - She has left to work out of town & has been reading our lit & in regular contact with Chris and Harry. If we are able to recruit her in the fall, she will be very valuable because of her contacts in the women's movement.
-more discussion followed on the question of recruitment classes-Frank & Mac should attend
m/c to adopt membership & contact report

Forward Fund Drive report by Charlie: Total pledged $4,295 - $3,792 pledged by comrades; $503 pledged from contacts
We've collected over 30% of pledges. It looks like we'll go over the top of our drive.
m/c to adopt report

Financial Report by Charlie: SL budget has to be adjusted since our pledge base is $900/month. Organizer's salary increased from $425 to $500/month m/c to adopt report

Break for Dues & Pledges

m/c to excuse Harry to work on the paper

Educational by Abie

Educational Report by Homily: moved that Alice give educational on our programmatic orientation on campus on May 31. After lengthy discussion it was moved and carried that the question of our campus orientation be

referred to the exec. with the direction that the campus fraction present a documents and that several weeks of documentary evidence precede adopting a line.

Internal Line-up: May 17 - Cutback Coalition by Homily & Chris
May 24 - Wages for Housework by Ellie
May 31 - Democratic Centralism by Paul

Externals: May 14 - Middle East by Harry K.
May 21 - Quebec - summary of political situation
May 28 - Housing Crisis in Ontario - panel discussion
June 4-current situation in Italy
June 11-The women's movement as reflected in the women's press

m/c that the speaker for the Quebec forum be John and that Paul chair
m/c that the forum on housing be changed and that on May 28 we hold a forum on the CLC convention
m/c that the speaker for the May 28 forum be Ross
m/c that the forum on Italy be June 4
m/c that Frank and Homily be the speakers for the Italy forum
Evaluation of Last week's internal

m/c to adopt educational report

Calendar & adjournment

Minutes of Toronto Branch: May 17th 8:15

Chair: Charlie Secretary: Zahir

Attendance: Judy-late; absent with reason: Paul, Mac, Gord, Rozi, Murray, Dale, Jim, Jane, Jim M.

Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Apr. 26

Membership & Contact: m/c to grant Wayne a Leave of Absence until Sept. 1
m/c to grant Dale a Leave of Avsence until July

Educational Report: m/c to defer report until Homily arrives

NDP report: Charlie gave an informational report on the upcoming NDP convention. We have a sizable presence. Informational reports by Harry P., Calvin, Julie, Judy.
m/c to adopt the report as information

Educational Report: by Homily - m/c that Ellie give tonight's internal Evaluation of last week's internal and external. m/c to concur with change in forum speaker on May 28. Gord will replace Ross

Fund Drive Report: by Calvin - Over $5,000 pledged - 90% of our goal fulfilled with 4 weeks left in the drive. We have collected 40% in cash. Average pledge - $134/comrade, $31/contact
m/c to adopt the report

Break for dues and pledges

Educational: Ellie on Wages for Housework

New Business: Informational Report by Calvin on the Committees Against Restraints. m/c that there be a report on the paper at the next branch meeting

Calendar & Adjournment at 10:13

Socialist League Branch Meeting May 24/76

Chairperson: Harry P.
Secretary: Abie W.
m/c to adopt the proposed agenda

Attendance: absent with reason; John D., Art G., Harry K., Frank L., Mac M., Stu S., Julie T.,

absent: Zahir A., Calvin J., Alice K., Paul K., Charles L., Jim M., Bill M.,

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes of April 18 as amended
m/c to adopt minutes of May 3
m/c to adopt minutes of May 10 as amended
m/c to adopt the minutes of May 17

m/c to refer the question of the secretary to the executive

Fund Drive report: by Calvin J.

Paul K. is to replace Dale R. on the committee while he is on a leave of absence.
The theatre party has been cancelled.
Amount pledged so far is $5175 with comrades having pledged $4327 and contacts having pledged $848.
The assigned contact lists handed out will be revised.
m/c to adopt the report

Educational report: by Robert K.
m/c to defer the report

NDP report : by Gord D.

An NDP teachers caucus is forming around a class-struggle programme.
Report given on Frank L. participation in a nascent left caucus formation which includes a number of MPP's.
The NDP fraction meeting is to be set by the executive.

m/c to adopt the report

CLC convention: by Gord D. & Murray Murray D.

Arriving late we missed the debates on the worker participation porposal, the constitutional admendment and the general strike proposal as well a s the initial meetings of a left caucus formation.
NDP surfaced as an issue around the necessity for political action.
The left candidates running for the executive lost but the left's opposition to the consittutional admendment carried.
The distribution of Forward was blocked.
A general evalustion is that the CLC leadership has asserted its authority based on the gene ral strike endorsation.

Break for dues and pledges

m/c to defer internal educational on cutbacks coalition to next week.

Forward report: by Gord D.,

The production of Forward was late making us two days late for the CLC ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ congress.
The character of the report should be defined by the executive.
m/c to refer the question of the character of the monthly Forward reports to the executive.
Various articles were evaluated and clarification on the nature of the political line carried in the articles was requested.

Educationa l report: by Robert K.

The evaluation of the forum on Quebec by John D. was given by Galvin J. ~~xxxxxx~~ and considered that it was informative but that the presentation lacked dynamism.
The evaluation of the internal by ~~xxxxxx~~ Ellie K. on Wages for Housework was given by Charlie and considered that it was a good educational that led to an extensive discussion following the interesting presentation.

New Business:

1) Murrey reporting on Camp Poundmaker stated that the LSA is in effect sabotaging the operation of the camp with respect to the planned tree planting weekend and that the buying-out of the LSA owners is projected.
RossD. Called on the executive to plan a weekend at the Camp under his auspices.

2) m/c to give Linda and Jim M. a leave of absence for two branch meetings

Calander and Adjournment at 10:30

TORONTO BRANCH MGT. May 31/76 8:15 pm

Chairperson: Murray D.
Secretary: John D.

1. Agenda: Adopted as ~~xxxdx~~ amended.
2. Attendance: Absent without reason: Zahir, Jane C., Jim C., Fred C., ~~Xxxxx~~ ~~Frank L.~~ Bill M., Mac M., Dave P., Stud.S.
3. Minutes: Not ready this week.
4. Correspondance: Gord D. reported on letter received from M. Flood of Vancouver re SL position on Bill 146. M/C to adopt report. M/C that we reply to letter without opening up debate again.
5. Executive Report: Gord D. reported.
   Because of personnel changes in executive over last months there is a need to reestablish a balance of experienced comrades with new comrades.
   M/C that Murray D. be added to executive.
   NDP: 5 or 6 comrades to be delegates to coming provincial convention in Kingston June 12th weekend. M/C as amended that Branch have a detailed discussion next Monday to discuss the Ont. convention, with a further fraction meeting if necessary to follow. M/C to invite Art to attend next meeting as he is a delegate.
6. Educational Report: Robert K. reported. Proposal for bi-weekly summer forum series including six topics presented. M/C to refer proposals to joint Educational/Executive committee meeting.
7. Break for Dues & Pledges.
8. Educational: Chris and Robert on an evaluation of Cutbacks Commitee.
9. New Business:
   1) Calvin reported on his steel local and drive for NDP memberships following CLC convention.

10. Calendar: read
11. Meeting Adjourned: at 9:55 PM

adopted June 7/76

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH - JUNE 7th, 1976 at 8:00 PM

Chairperson: Calvin J., Sectretary: John D.

Agenda: M/C to adopt as adjusted.
Attendance: Absent without reason: Jane C., Fred C., Alice K., Harry K., Bill M., Mac. M., Dave P., Stu S., Julie T.
Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting adopted as corrected
NDP Discussion: Gord D. reported.
1) Calvin J., Harry P. and Gord to be convention floor committee at Ont. convention.
2) Our strategy at convention to be open to developments towards left wing formations. Discussion followed on our role at convention. Frank L. reported on Ginger group formation including several MPP's. Plan Forward distribution and will attempt to set up lit table on campus in spite of NDP informing us our application too late. A caucus room for league to be set up.
M/C to adopt.
Break for Dues & Pledges.
Forward Fund Drive: Calvin J. reported that drive over the top, $5,515 having been collected to date. $4,542 collected from comrades, $973 from contacts. Will contact remaining 22 contacts, including those on campus in effort to reach $6000. Campaign will finish two weeks ahead of time. Celebration party planned at end of campaign.
M/C to adopt.

Educational Report: Robert K. reported for joint EducationalCaommittee/Executive meeting.
1) We are to continue with weekly forums
2)deal with more general issues from a more theoretical point of view for the summer period.
Lineup:
June 11: cancelled due to NDP convention.
June 18: M/C to hold forum on Ireland as proposed by Gerry McKinney
June 25: Summary and Analysis of NDP convention, speakers Gord and Calvin
July 1st: On the Crisis of Capitalism, a forum based on Mandels pamphlet on the Generalized recession of world capitalism, speaker Murray D.
M/C to refer question of possible speaker for meeting on the Phillippines at an internal or exeternal forum.
M/C refer to committee question of forum on our position on multiculturalism.
Report on internal on the Cutbacks Coalition and on last Forum by Robert K. on Italy today.
Next class on Recruitment Series on the Transitional Program next Thursday.
Report that last iclass in this series had been cancelled dut to non-attendance.
[redacted]
New Business: Calvin reported on Labour Council meeting/
Rozi D. reported on Metro NDP Teachers caucus meeting where NDP slate discussed for Trustee elections, Support for Metro Municipal Reform group rejected in favour of NDP. Teachers to lobby for defence of tachers right to strike at NDP convetji on.
Party for going-away of Gerry Mckinney on June 25.
Caldendar: read
Meeting Adjourned: at 10:20 PM

Adopted as corrected

MINUTES TXXXX TORONTO BRANCH June 14/76

ChairpersoN: (not recorded) ~~[illegible]~~ Jim C.
Secretary: (Not recorded) Calvin.
(Transcribed by John D.)
Attendance: absent without reason: Bill M., Mac M., Dave P., Stu S., Julie T.
Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were deferred to next meeting.
NDP Convention: Information Report on the convention. More conservative than previous conventions and poor for building a left wing and establishing a left force. Women's caucus disorganized, but the teachers caucus was more hopeful.
Educational Report:

Suggestions: Harry P.

1) Some discussion on how comrades intervene in the NDP. What does our intervention mean. What skills are required.

2) The woman's issue in the NDP. Why were they smashed in the NDP? What is the impact of the current objective conditions of the woman's movement in Canada and its relationship to the NDP?

Harry chairs this meeting this week.

Financial Report:

Liabilities for May: 1,065.00
Revenue 1,004.00

Report deferred to June 19 th.

New Business:

1) OFS Report:

a) Adopted a National Student Day as a national action organized by the NUS.

b) Passed a resolution developing a campaign on summer employment issue.

2) National Students Day a) We have input on committee, b) Abie is on it.

3) ~~Committee on Preferential Hiring~~ - Abie is on it. — Task force on the Canadianization Committee.

Refer question of Preferential hiring to campus fration.

Campus Report:

1) International Students Day passed.
2) Avoided repudiation of NDP on tenants and dorm rents issue.
3) Summer Unemployment
4) Spirit of ULC members 5) Disorganization of Edson team 6) Effects on the OFS.

Adopted June 27/76

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH JUNE 21/76 at 8 PM

Chair: Jim C. Scecretary: John D
Agenda: adopted as read.
Attendance: Absent without reason: Jane C., Fred C., Chris J., Calvin J., Harry K., Bill M., Mac M., Harry P., Dave P., Stu S., Juelie T.
Minutes: Minues of May 24 adopted.
Minues of June 1st adopted as corrected
Minutes of June 14 not available.
MembershiP: Murray D. reported he will be at camp this summer.
Gord D. reported that Charles L. has requested a 2-month leave of absence. M/C that he be granted this retroactive one month to beginning of August '76. He will maintain books.
Report on Randy N., a gay activist contact. M/C to refer to exec.
Executive Report: Gord D. reported that there will be monthly reprots and evaluations of Forward. M/C.
Reported on joint meeting of Coalition Cutbacks Coalition and Committee to Counter Constraints at which over 200 present including many nurses. LSA dominated meeting, OFL committee playing secondary role. M/C to adopt.
Fudn Drive: Gord reported that $5900 is final total as campaign is closed, $400 over top. A breakdown of pledges from comrades and contacts referred to next meeting. M/C to adopt and close drive.
Educational Report:
Internal lineup: June 28: On issue of preferential hiring of Cdn. profs. Speaker elected Abie and Alice
M/C to refer topic of Why the call for Women's Caucus failed at the NDP convention to the Women's committee.
July 5: Program for a farm policy: Murray D. elected speaker
July 12: Where other Trotskyist tendencies are at now, Ross D. elected speaker
July 19: Tactics and methods of intervention in the NDPL Speaker referred to committee.
M/C topic on Multiculturalism refered to executive.
M/C that an evaluation of contact classes ending in a week be tabled pending a report from the committee after series is completed.
External Lineup:
July 9: Reform or Revolution: Schreyer's view of the state vs. the Marxist concept. Ross D. elected speaker
July 16: The growing crisis of the third world. Rober K. elected speaker
July 23: The current South African Sitation, with guest speaker from TCLSAC.
July 30: The New Nationalism as a World Phenomenon, Zahir A. elected speaker.
Evaluation of last week's forum : Harry P. on the Irish Queston given as substitute as McKinney or Irish speaker unable to attend. M/C to adopt report.
Financial Report: Gord D. reported on situation at month end May '76 M/C to adopt.
Educational: Paul K. on Democratic Centralism.
New Business: Ross D. drew attention to Marxist Institute series on Marxist economics.
Murray D. raised question of his running for post of school trustee with teachers support in his neighbourhood. M/C to have Muray fur ther investigate this possibility and report to executive.
Calendar: read
Meeting Adjourned: at 10:35 PM

Adopted June 27/76

MINUTES TORONTO BRANCH -- July 5/76 - 8:10 PM

Chair: Chris Secretary: John D.
Agenda: Temporary agenda adopted.
Attendance: Absent without reason: Jane C., Fred C., K [redacted]., Harry K., [redacted]., Julie T.
Minutes: Minutes of meeting of June 27 adopted as read.
Membership & Contacts: Ross reported on contact E.J. moving to Toronto ~~to~~ from Ottawa attracted to us by distribution of Forward.
Gord reported the following comrades requested leaves of absence as follows:
Chris 1 week
Harry P. 3 weeks
Gord & Rozi 1 week starting July 6th ~~Mxxxx~~ M/C to grant these leaves of absence.
Dale to fill in as Organizer for 1 week.
Gord reported on Randy N. who had asked to join league at [redacted]. M/C to refer matter to exec. to contact Randy for discussion with a view to recruiting him.
Report on Stu S. Discussions held with him resulting in decision to become active again.
Camp poundmaker: Gord reported camp yield $56 surplus . 30 in attendance. Held sports and educationals. M/C to adopt.
Educational Report: Robert K. not present.
Break for Dues & Pledges.
Educational: Murray scheduled to give educational but not present and no substitute available.
M/C to continue with agenda and have hatbox at end of meeting.
Evaluation of previous internal --panel talk on Air Controllers strike with Ross D. and Jim M.
Evaluation of previous Friday's forum with Ross D. on The Dilemma of Reformism Today - Schreyer & Co.
M/C to hold internal educational on Preferential hiring of Cdn Profs next meeting if Murray unable to give his then, followed by Ross on the Trotskyist Mvt. in Canada the following week.
Discussion on Camp Poundmaker educational on Air Controllers ~~Strike~~ Strike --unorganized.
New Business: Calvin reported breakdown on pledges and payments from contacts for Forward Fund Drive, which had reached $5,838. Contacts gave $1,241. Final collections expected to hit $6,000.
Motion of felicitations to Calvin for success in drive. Question of outstanding pledges referred to executive for collection.
Gord reported on Defence campaign for Chilean labor leader Munoz, and rally to be held July 9th.
Dale elected SL rep as speaker at rally.
Calvin reported on union situation at his plant and need for distribution of Forward .
M/C to have Forward report at next meeting - to be given by Gord.
Jim C. reported on CLC educational conference.
Good & Welfare: Stu reported that Barry G. hurt in auto accident on weekend and probably at Tor. Gen. H.
M/C to hold hatbox educational until 10 PM
Calendar read
Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 PM

— strike camp from Randy's application request for he
— [redacted] ~~worked~~ executive section.
Linda working, Dave P. working

MINUTES TORONTO BRANCH JULY 19/76 at 8 PM

Chair: Zahir A. Secretary: John D.
Agenda: Adopted as read.
Attendance: Absent without known reason: Jane C., Jim C., Fred C., Linda D., Calvin J., [redacted]., Bill M., Dave P., Stu S.
Minutes: Minute of meeting of July 12th read as information.
Membership & Contacts: Gord D. reported comrade Abie W. on trip to Libya via Europe and Middle East. M/C we endorse his attendance at Conference against Zionism and Racism there, and that he be granted a leave of absence for four weeks.
M/C to grant following leaves of absence:
Dave P., on holidays July 17 to Aug. 8
Chris and Harry P until next Wednesday
Harry K. for holidays
Rozi for period of present pregnancy
Robert K. for period Aug. 9 to Aug. 31 holiday
Alice K. Aug. 9 to Sept. 1 holiday
Report on Ottawa contact Evan G. who is coming around movement and with whom we have perspective of recruitment shortly. M/C to adopt report.
Forward Report: Gord D. reported on contents of June-July issue. M/C to refer question of line of article on Air controlers strike and issue of bilingualism to next meeting when internal educational scheduled.
Educational Report: M/C to cancel educational for Friday July 30 due to long weekend and to hold scheduled forum at Camp Poundamaker.
Gord D. reported that July 31-Aug 2 weekend at Camp reserved for league. Educational lineup to be
1) Zahir A. on the New Nationalism as a world Phenomenon
2) Dale on critiques of Wells-Moore book on Canadaian nationalism
Evaluation followed of Robert K.s forum on Crisis of Development in Third World and Alice K.s internal last week on Preferential Hiring of Canadian professors.
M/C to adopt report.
Break for Dues & Pledges.
Educational: Ross D. on Where the Canadian Trotskyist tendencies are at now.
Chilean Defence Campaign: Ross reported on Manoz Defence meeting called by Spartacist tendency which in no way lived up to its billing as a "united front" rally. Dale reported on small demonstration of 20 which followed. M/C to adopt as information.
Camp Poundmaker Report: M/C to have long weekend. Car ppools to be organized.
New Business: Gord reported distribution of Forward at Transit Workers strke vote meeting
Ross reported on Trade Union fraction meeting preparation to be built primarily around comrades.
Calendar: read
Meeting Adjourned: at 11 PM

Adopted at July 26 meeting

Minutes of Executive Meeting: July 22/76: 8:20 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Chris. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: absent with reason--Abie, Murray, Calvin
-leave of absence-- Charlie

3. Membership and Contacts:
-m/c to refer to next exec. mtg. the discussion on Randy with a report back from Gord
-discussion on Zane's desire to join the SL -- m/c to proceed cautiously towards recruitment and find ways of involving him
-discussion of Evan Godt -- m/c to have an attitude towards recruiting him and to bringing him around socially
-discussion of Julie -- necessary to integrate her socially

4. Camp Poundmaker:
-report on preparations and agenda
-Dale to co-ordinate
-m/c that topics for classes be:
-New Nationalism
-Nationalism in Canada
-CLC Manifesto

5. CLC Manifesto:
-report by Dale on trade union fraction discussion
-trade union fraction in general agrees with CLC Manifesto and poses that we actively circulate it in the union movement
-m/c to endorse the general line of the trade union fraction on the CLC document
-m/c to write a letter to Canadian Dimension on Gonick's article on the CLC Manifesto

6. Staff:
-m/c that Dale be projected for coming on staff in the fall and that the SL supplement his UIC to the extent necessary
-m/c that Dale and Gord divide responsibilities for committees as follows:
-Dale: campus, trade union, contacts, and social
-Gord: NDP, Forward, women, educationals

7. Bilingualism:
-report on editorial board line in favor of bilingualism

8. Forze Nuove:
-m/c to direct Frank into Sezione

9. New Business:
-report by Harry P. on Manitoba left -- John Gallagher: workerist, influenced by Stalinism

10. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

Minutes of Toronto Branch Meeting July 26/76

Chairman: Paul K. Secretary: John D.

Agenda: m/c to adopt agenda as proposed

Attendance: AWR: Jane C., Jim C., Fred C., Frank L., Bill M., Mac M., Julie T.

Membership & Contacts: report by Gord
m/c to grant Murray D. a leave of absence until Aug. 15
-Gord reported on Randy K. a leader in the Gay movement who expressed a desire to join the SL. m/c to recruit Randy
-report on Zane B. regarding his desire to rejoin the movement Recommended that he be encouraged to become integrated in the work of the movement for the period ahead without immediate perspective of rejoining the SL
-report on Evan G. who is active in SL functions and who is reading our lite ature. m/c that we have the perspective of recruiting him shortly

Trade Union Report: report by Calvin
-report on the fraction meeting last Wed. The fraction decided:
1)to have monthly fractions on the 2nd Wed. of every month to discuss shop problems and general union problems
2)to have a trade union co-ordinator. Calvin accepted the position
3)discussed CLC Manifesto as a step forward for the trade union movement and with the perspective of promoting its discussion and deepening implications of it
m-c to adopt recommendations of the trade union fraction

Camp Poundmaker: report by Gord
-report on Leaflet for the camp; transportation to be arranged
-exec. ratified final educational lineup which includes an educational to be given on the CLC Manifesto. Cost $12 for 3 days
m/c to adopt topic
- Ross elected alternate speaker of CLC educ'l if Calvin unable to attend camp

Educational Report: report by Homily
-evaluation of previous internal - Ross on the Canadian Trotskyist tendencies today; evaluation of last Friday's forum by Gord on the current situation in S. Africa
-Stu elected as speaker for Internal on How comrades Operate in the NDP and that the next meeting be on Tuesday, Aug. 3

Campus Report: by Alice
-graduate assistants' assoc. contract negotiations at York U. to be center of activities in coming pe iod involving student and ULC support; issue of prefeential hiring of Canadian graduate assistants
-report on ULC activities in CYSF debate which saw ULC moves against lack of democratic discussion. ULC has held 2 educational classes in a series of 4. Moderately successful so far.
-Fall Priorities: 1) to present itself at orientation week; 2)ULC general meeting early in year to establish organizational life; 3) sustain SL on campus through lit tables & sub drive; 4)our position is good in Excalibur but we must mobilize ourselves. Campus fraction recommends that Paul K.

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apply as campus news editor of Excalibur
m/c to adopt report except for recommendation to rec. regarding assignment of Paul K.

Break for Dues & Pledges.

MINUTES OF BRANCH MEETING - AUGUST 16th, 1976, at 8:15 PM

Chairperson: Paul K. Secretary: John D.
Attendance: AWR: [redacted], Bill M., Mac M., Harry P., Julie T.
Agenda: Adopted as proposed.
Membership & Contacts: Gord D. welcomed John H. into the branch as a member.
Educational Report: Dale reported. Ross D. elected as speaker on Aug. 20th forum on CLC struggle.
Paul gave an evaluation of the last forum on the KRemlin's Peaceful Co-existence, given ty by Kalvin.
Educational: Ross spoke on the Marxist approach to the Agricultural question in Canada.
Break for Dues & Pledges.
New Business: Dale reported on Ward 4 NDP meeting where factional debate decided against running two candidates in upcoming City elections.
Gord reported on new subs received from mailings of Forward
Gord reported on Pelletier Defence campaign, where SL is invited to attend and endorse meeting next Tuesday PM. Ross elected to attend.
Dale reported on dates openfor next Poundmaker weekend. M/C to have weekend Aug. 28-29. M/C to hold two educationals on the weekend.
M/C that Forum on the Aniversary of the Vietnam revolution be cancelled for Friday bfefore weekend. Discusion on Camp educationals.
M/C to hold one on the meaning of the American Revolution to Canada, Ross elected.
M/C to hold the other on the question of electoral strategy, focussing on the Presidential lelections in Portugal and Italy, as debated in the French section. Dale was elected.
Leaflet for sweekend to be mailed this week.
Chris reported that help needed to run CNE CARAL booth.
M/C to postpone Forum on CLC Day of Protest luntil after Labor Day. M/C to have forum this Friday on the British General Strike of 1926. Paul elected speaker.
Calendar: read
Meeting Adjourned: (time not noted)

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Auguts 23, 1976: 5:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Dale. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: a.w.r. -- Abie, Murray, and Charlie
   -m/c to seat Randy and Harry K.

3. Staff:
   -statement of resignation by Gord from organizership commencing in September
   -m/c to accept Gord's resignation effective the beginning of September
   -m/c to nominate Dale as new organizer

4. Gay Discussion;
   -report by Randy on Daimien Defence and perspective for National Gay Conference
      -the key slogans should be "Re-instate John Daimien" and "Include Human Rights into the Ont. Human Rights Code"
      -Birchell/Mossip/Warner place emphasis on "Stop police harassment of gays" so as to be on a par with the other two demands, thereby diluting the effect of the mobilization
      -we should move outward around the court trial -- through a cross-Canada tour with John Daimien
      -new and strong coordinator needed for Daimien Def. Cttee.
      -we should probe at National Gay conference for building a Canada-wide Daimien defence campaign
      -m/c to adopt Randy's report and to make our probe at the National Gay Conference an attempt to introduce a leaflet around a cross-Canada Daimien Defence campaign with the support of other contacts like Maurice F., John Wilson, etc.
      -m/c that Randy present a report at the next branch mtg.

5. Personnel:
   -m/c to accept Charlie's resignation from the SL without prejudice
   -m/c to accept Charlie as sympathizer

6. Labor Day:
   -m/c that we declare L.D. demos in Toronto and Hamilton a mobilization for the branch to distribute Forward
   -m/c to send a letter to each cmrde concerning mobilization

7. NDP Committee:
   -report on cttee meeting by Dale
   -proposal to set up a committee consisting of leading activists: Chris, Judy, Harry P., Gord, Dale, Linda, Frank
   -discussion broke off to prepare for branch meeting

8. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- August 30, 1976: 6:15 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Chris. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Murray.
-present: Gord, Chris, Abie, Dale, Harry P., Calvin

3. Minutes:
-m/c to adopt minutes of August 23/76

4. Membership and Contacts:
-m/c that Dale be considered as part of longterm staff of SL
-m/c that exec. state that nominations are open for organizer to replace Gord and to place Dale's name forward
-m/c that exec. announce to branch that a conference of the branch is being considered by the exec. and that all assignments are being considered for that time
-m/c to announce to branch that Charlie has resigned
-m/c to approach Blance, Stew, and Bill re Fred's drinking problem -- with Dale and Calvin assigned to this

5. NDP Committee:
-proposal that we structure a 3-tier body: NDP Committee, and NDP fraction, and reports to the branch from the committee and fraction -- m/c
-Cttee proposal:
-between 5-7 people
-prospects -- Chris, Judy, Harry P., Linda, Frank, Gord, Dale, Randy, Dave P.
-m/c to accept Cttee proposal
-m/c to push each NDP riding to endorse day of protest, invite labor speakers, and organize a contingent at day of protest
-report on NDP Women's conference
-m/c to adopt NDP report

6. Unfinished Business:
-Sub Drive

7. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

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(Found in 1976)

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST [redacted] 30 BRANCH MEETING

Chair : Harry P.
Secretary: Dale
Agenda: M/C to adopt the agenda

Attendance: A w R: Linda, Jim M., Ellie, Wayne, Alice, Murray, John D. Paul, Frank, Jane, Dave P., John H.
Absent: Fred, Bill, Stu, Julie, Harry K.

Minutes: M/C to table again the minutes from the Aug. 16 and July 12 branches .
M/C to adopt the minutes from Aug. 23.
M/C that we change the motion adopted at the last branch meeting and instead type up the minutes in complete form and present them for adoption at the following branch meeting.

Executive Report: 1. Moved that we accept Charlie's resignation from the branch without prejudice on the understanding that he will become a sympathizer.

[redacted]

The motion was carried as originally proposed.

2. Moved that nominations now be re-opened for the position of organizer.
M/C to table the re-opening of nominations until after the break.

3. Gord reported that the executive is discussing and planning for the upcoming Branch conference.

4. The branch will carry out distributions in Brantford, Hamilton, Toronto, and Ottawa, and perhaps in Peterborough and Kingston on Labor Day.

NDP Report: 1. Dale reported on a proposed structure adopted by the executive and previous NDP committee meeting to facilitate the organization of our NDP work.
The proposal would include an NDP ctte. consisting of 6 or 7 leading NDP activists which would meet regularly and report to the branch as well as an NDP fraction which meets less frequently and consists of all comrades who are members of the NDP or are active in the NDP. There would be regular reports to the branch from the NDP ctte. The fraction would exist independently of the branch thus allowing contacts to participate in the fraction.
Moved that an NDP ctte. of 6 or 7 leading NDP activists in the branch be set up to organize our NDP work and that this ctte. report to the branch.

[redacted]

Motion carried as originally presented.
Moved that in general, the branch be considered the NDP ctte. of the whole or fraction, with the understanding that certain fraction meetings can be constituted outside of the branch.
Further all NDP fraction meetings are considered mobilizations of the branch. Motion Carried.

NDP Report: 2. Comrades should attempt to get their constituency associations to endorse the Oct. 14 Day of Protest, to have labor speakers address their riding meetings, and to organize riding contingents to march in the protest actions. If possible we should attempt to get the NDP to organize a city wide NDP meeting to endorse the Day of Protest.

3. All women comrades and contacts should register for and plan to attend the upcoming NDP Women's ctte. Conference of Sept 25. Chris will co-ordinate our work for the conference. An NDP ctte. meeting will be convened as soon as possible to work out our intervention into the conference.

4. M/C to open nominations for the NDP ctte.
The following comrades stood and were elected to the ctte. Linda, Chris, Judy, Harry P., Dale, Gord, Randy. Frank and Dave will also be approached to sit on the ctte.

Moved and Carried to adopt the NDP report.

Gay Liberation Report: Randy reported on the gay conference and demonstration which will take place on Labor day.

Damien's case will be a focus of the demonstration as will the issue of including sexual orientation under the Human Rights Code.

The recent meeting of the Damien Defence ctte. refused to support a ~~xtinx~~ national speaking tour for Damien. The ctte. also refused to take any serious iniatiatives.

S. Lewis has endorsed the demonstration and it is likely that NDP MPP David Warner will speak at the demo.

M/C that we assign a couple of comrades to march in the gay rights demo and that we print up a letter of solidarity and distribute it to the demo along with the paper.

M/C to adopt the report.

~~Reps~~
B reak:

Educational Report: M/C to table the scheduled educational on Mandel's article till next week.
M/C that the internal in two week's be given by Randy on the Gay Movement.

Peltier ~~Committee~~ Report: Ross reported on the latest meeting of the defense committee.

The committee is well-intentioned but poorly organized and has very li tle perspective in how to build a campaign to free Peltier.

The report suggested that we should not participate any more in the committee unless our comrades can undertake some organizational responsibility for committee work.

M/C to refer this report to the exec. for further discussion.

Camp Poundmaker Report: Dale reported that the weekend was quite successful. Attendance was 20, the weekend made money and the educationals came off well. Some disruption of the camp activities occurred as aresult of excessive drinking.

It was moved and carried that in future the movement attempt to control the distribution of liquor in the lodge so that the problem can be solved.

It was further moved and carried that the executive elect a ctte. to supervise ~~the~~ our participation at the camp.

NEW Business: M/C to re-open nominations for the position of organizer. Dale is standing as a result of previous nomination.

Gord presented a report on behalf of the executive. The report contained two concepts.

1. that the branch support Dale's nomination for the post of organizer.

2. that Dale be considered part of the long term staff of the S.L.

An amendment was made from the floor to the effect that the post of organizer be seen as an interim position until the branch conference. Motion

At that point Dale withdrew his nomination.

M/C to table the rest of the business until the next branch meeting.

Calendar:

Adjournment:

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING Sept. 6/76 at *8:00 PM

Chairperson: Calvin J. Secretary: John D.

Agenda: Adopted as amended

Attendance: Absent without known reason: Jane C., Fred C., Bill M., Alice K., Mac M., Stu S., Julie T., John H.

Minutes: Minutes of Aug. 30 adopted as corrected.
Minutes of Aug. 6th adopted as amended.
M/C that minutes of July 12th be tabled until next meeting when typed version to be prepared.

Labor Day Report: Dale R. reported on distributions of Forward in Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto by 16 comrades and contacts. M/C to adopt as information.

Labor Council Report: Calvin J. reported on Statement on Day of Protest with plans to picket and demonstrate at ~~City Hall~~ a Central Location. Jim C. reported that his CUPE local has taken position against supporting Oct. 14th but ~~appears to be~~ he and others are trying to get them to re-considering. Other locals have taken weak position.
M/C to refer to New Business a discussion on our role in a Labor Council resolution on Money supply question. M/C to adopt report as information.

Executive Report: Gord D. reported on executive handling of question of finding a replacement for him as Organizer. Confusion was a result of lack of preparation by Executive. Both comrades Dale R. and Abie W. have stated they are willing to re-consider standing for post of Organizer pending ~~an~~ further discussion on the Executive. Executive to submit final report on question to the branch at next meeting. Until such time, Gord D. remains Organizer. M/C to adopt report.

Educational: Harry P. on Mandel document "Theses of World Revolution".

Break for Dues & Pledges.

Educational Report: Dale R. reporting. Evaluation of last Friday's forum on The First Anniversary of the Vietnamese Revolution.
Internal Lineup:
For Sept. 13th Randy K. scheduled to speak but is ill. Frank L. is prepared to speak on Multiculturalism.
M/C that Sept. 20th topic be on the Current Economic Situation in Canada. ~~A~~Zahir A. elected speaker.
M/C Sept. 27th topic be on the Sociology of the Trade Union Movement pamphlet. Jim C. elected spkr.
M/C Oct. 4th topic be What are perspectives for building a left wing in the NDP, question of speaker left for NDP ~~election~~ committee to decide.
External Lineup: M/C topic for Sept. 10th be Police & the Law.(Citizen control of Police) Harry K. elected.
M/C to adopt forum on The Nature of the Trade Union Movement today. Harry P. elected spkr. This topic is for Sept. 17th.
M/C topic for Sept. 24th to be ~~decided~~ decided by Committee . M/C topic of The Role of Women in the NDP be tabled.
M/C topic for Oct. 8th be On the CLC Day of Protest, with a panel and SL speaker.
M/C topic for Oct. 1st be on The Student Movement. M/C to adopt report.

New Business: M/C that Executive re-consider Branch Meeting night for fall.
M/C to drop all other items of business due to lateness of hour.
Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourned: at 11 PM

Adopted as corrected Sept 26/76

MINUTES OFBRANCH MEETING - SEPT. 14, 1976 at *8:10 PM

Chair: Ellie K. Secretary: John D. Agenda: adopted as amended.

Attendance: Absent without known reason: Judy D., Jane C., Jim C., Linda D., Jim M., Bill M., Mac M. Dave P., Stu S., Julie T., John Hayes.

Minutes: of previous meeting read as information.

Educational Report: Gord D. reporting. Frank unable to give internal tonight. M/C to hold hatbox.

M/C to replace forum on Limits of Growth proposed by Committee for Sept. 24th for a forum on China following the death of Mao. Robert K. elected speaker.

M/C to ratify change of speaker for CLC Day of Protest forum for Sept. 17 from Harry P. to Ross D. Harry unable to give forum because of previous committment.

Evaluation of last Fridays forum on Citizen control of the Police with Harry K. speaker. Poor attendance! Evaluation of last internal with Harry P. on Mandel document, which was not available for comrades to read.

NDP Committee - Chris reported on Fraction meeting discussion on NDP support for Day of Protest. Abie reported on distribution of Forward at Ward 9 Conference on Municipal Affiars.

Report on Trip to Libya: Abie W. reported on attendance at Conference against Zionism in Libya this summer and failure of conference to dissasociate itself with anti-Semites who spoke there. Report also on meetings with Trotskyist currents in Europe and Britain.

M/C that executive discuss how league can take position dissasociating itslelf with other Canadain representatives at Libya from the confernece's inability to denounce Argentinian anti-Semetic delegation.

M/C that Abie collect material and documents around the unification of certain British Trotskyist currents for consideration for publication in Forward.

Oct. 14th Day of Protest: Gord D. reported on proposals to help circulate Forward through subsribers across Canada, and that a large press run waw planned for the next issue.

Ross reported on Grace Hartman campaign to mobilize Toronto CUPE locals for Oct. 14th, and on Broadbent NDP support campaign.

Calvin J. reported on Labor Council campaign for Oct. 14th.

A discussion with Joe Meslin regarding a proposed alliance of the left in support of Oct. 14th was reported by Ross who took a position against as it would be counter-productive to the building of the Day of Protest because of many of the left's sectarian positions. Advised to call for assembliesof larger community organizations through Committee agains t Restraint s.

M/C to ddopt report and Gord's and Ross's positions.

Personnel: Gord D. reported. (See attached Statement)

M/C that Paul K. and Dale R. be added to Editorial Board.

Break for Dues & Pledges.

Educational: Hat box dicussion on Chinese revolution and question of tripartism in the CLC Action Progra

Executive Report: Gord D. reported.

1) On question of Organizer: Gord gave report on events up to present regarding candidates Dale R. and Abie W. for this post. (See Statement attached). Executive position now is that Abie is nominated as Interim Organizer. Executive withdraws its recommendation of Dale R. for this post made 2 weeks ago. Comrade Dale has since withdrawn his nomination.

M/C to adopte report. Abie elected Interim Organizer.

M/C to append this report to minutes.

2) re Branch Conference: Executive reccommends that Conference be held on one day of the week-end of Oct. 30-31. M/C to adopt.

New Business: Alice reported that York U. resolution to support Day of Protest has beeen defeated.

Distributions: Chris reported distribution at Chilean meeting. Gord reporwd work on Sept. issue of Forward which is due this week. M/C Ross propsed Corn Roast at Camp Poundmaker next month one Sunday.

Calendar: read Meeting Adjourned: at 10:40 PM

Adopted as read
Sept 26/76

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Sept. 19, 1976: 8:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Dale. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present--Abie, Dale, Gord, Harry P.
-a.w.r.--Murray and Chris
-absent--Calvin

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Sept. 8, 1976

4. Day of Protest:
-m/c to put out Forward letter to urge subscribers to hand out bundles of Forward leading up to Day of Protest
-m/c that Abie prepare draft of letter immediately
-m/c to convene trade union fraction to organize distributions
-m/c that Oct. 8 forum have only trade unionists on the panel
-m/c to approach for panel the following: Lois, Calvin, Joe Meslin, Ron Hugh, Jim On.
-m/c that we have 3 people on panel plus a chairperson from the SL

5. Campus:
-report from campus fraction
-proposal for steering cttee-- Paul, Alice, Mary, and Abie
-sub drive coordinators--Paul and Homily
-lit. table coordinator--Zahir
-fraction organizer--Paul
-contact coordinator--Jane
-m/c to refer discussion till next exec. meeting and invite campus comrades

6. Fund Drive:
-referred

7. Sub Drive:
-m/c to refer to Abie in consultation with Wayne and Linda to make proposals for drive

8. NDP Cttee:
-m/c that Harry P. be NDP coordinator
-m/c that we organize a caucus of women cmrdes re NDP Women's Cttee
-our approach to Metro Area Council meeting is to get as many comrades and contacts to go as delegates as possible
-m/c to table rest of NDP Cttee report

9. Mayoralty:
-m/c to table discussion on municipal elections

10. Morgentaler:
-m/c to move out on speaking tour, etc.
-Harry P. to move out on this area

11. Documentation of political positions:
-2 contributions circulating from John D. and Zahir
-m/c to open up submission of documents for branch conference with an explanation of procedures and positions of the SL

12. Deferred Items:
-Fund Drive, Social, Peltier, Municipal elections, Libya tour, Mandel

13. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

Executive report Sept. 20 /76

I Oct. .14th Day of Protest

1) general distributions of the current issue of 12,000

(i) labour unions; rubberworkers, MF, Neon, GM truck plant, local meetings etc.
-to be itemized by the trade union coordinating committee to meet tues evening

(ii) students; York, general distribution of past issue in residences withfollow-up of door to door sub work with Oct. 14 issue
generally; widespread distribution of Oct. 14 issue on U. of T., Ryerson, George Brown and York

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2) the sending of a letter to all subscribers of Forward requesting them to take a bundle of the paper for distribution to their organizations ; unions, committees , ridings

3) public forum in outside hall Oct. 8 for Oct. 14
to include a panel of three plus a chairperson,
Calvin J. , Joe Meslin, Lois Bodard and if necessary
Jim Oneschuk and Ron Hugh to be invited to
participate with the chairperson to be
considered by the educational committee

the new notice for the upcoming forum series featuring the Oct. 8 forum to be inserted in the forward's to be distributed.

II NDP committee

1) proposal to set up a position of NDp committee coordinator to take on the responsibility of convening committee meetings, ensuring the implemantation of the committee decisions, and reporting on the committees work to the branch

executive nomination is Harry P.
-long term experience in NDP
-member of executive
-familiar with mass work
-has put himself forward

2) woman's policy conference tis weekend
-caucus of the woman comrades in NDP to meet on the intervention in the conference and to help draft the organizational resolution for the NDP committee executive which Judy has responsible for.

3) Metro Area Council this Wed.

-as many comrades ~~as possible~~ should go to the delegated conference as possible
-contacts should also be encouraged to obtain delegatesnips to conference

-intervention will take up the question of running a full NDP slate differentiated from the Metro Reform Group including the psoition of mayor without pressing the question of mayorality condidate at this late date.
-it is expected that endorsation of OCt. 14 if not already in effect to be a matter of general consensusto which we can contribute a perspective on building Oct. 14

-Harry P., Rozi, and Mary Marrone expected to attend

4) Branch C onference

-planned for the Oct. 30/31 weekend
- a pre-conference discussion will take place to which comrades are invited to submit contribution for the consideration of the movement
-John D. and Zahir have already written contributions which will be made available to the membership once they are submitted to the executive.

-the specific topics that are projected for discussion at the conference will be part of the next weeks executiv report
- the documents that are ~~considered~~ now the basis of the organizations politics are ~~the documents of the LSA up to the 1970 plenum of the LSA plus the LPT document The Subversion of our Revolutionary~~

, as stated in our parting statement from the LSA, "the general line of all the basic documents of the movement and its general practice up to and including the 1968 and 1970 convention positions, and including the 1971 plenum document entitled, The NDP and the Waffle." and including the UT document "A New Stage in Canada-US Relations"and the LPT document, "The Subversion ofour Revolutionary Socialist Orientation to the NDP".

5) Branch Nt.
- the survey has been done and for each of the week nts. from 4 to eight comrades cannot make each of the nts which leaves Sun. nt. and aft. as possibilities and the exec. reccomends that the branch take a vote to determine which time is more suitable.

Executive Report Sept. 26/76

Branch Conference: weekend of Oct. 30/31

-the proposed agenda to consist of

(i) Tasks and Perspectives report by Abie
to contain assessment of SL since leaving the LSA
the major tactical requirements of this period
political spective for the coming period

(ii) Organizational report : Gord
to contain an evaluation of the process of developing a collective leadership
considerations w.r.t. staff requirements
organizational structure of movement

To be printed?

(iii) Forward report : Wayne
to contain discussion on the role of the paper for the SL
future prospects

(iv) treasurer's report : Judy

— documents

Oct. 14

- forum: student and labor forums coming up the next two weeks
to be reported on under the educational report

-distributions:

-list sites for distribution
Plants, transit centres, campuses (4), movies, meetings

-announce that I will contact to determine times for participation

- plan to distribute at other Ont. labour action in addition to Toronto.

Sub Drive

- sub base is 250 down from the previous high of about 500

-proposal to set a sub goal of 250 over a period of 2 months until Dec. 3 the municipal election i.e. Oct. 3 - Dec. 3

- efforts to be concentrated on the campus, in particular wards with NDP candidates on a door-to-door basis, in thecourse of the work around Oct. 14, with renewals, and on a individual basis with our contacts

-quota in general to be 10 per comrade

-sub drive coordinator to be nominated next branch meeting

Campus

-report will be coming up next branch from fraction

-proposal to assign Abie to spend 1 day per week working on the campus to assist fraction

Frac. meet for week for Hamilton

Social

-prospect of holding an event at Camp Pounder dropped since Thanksgiving weekend is ruled out as a possibility due to Oct. 14 and it is late in season

-a movement house social is being looked into

Personnel

-proposal that Judy take over the position of treasurer

Membership and Contacts

-Gord to contact Peter Horbatiuk

NAME (Skill)	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	SUN.	SUN. AFT. OTHER?
~~Zahir 661-9788~~						
Judy (G)		X				
Fred (~~C~~) (C)						
Jane (G)	X					
Jim C. (G)				~~X~~		
John D. yes						
Gord yes		X		X		
Roji yes		X		X		
Linda (G)			X			
Ross yes						
Marray yes						
~~Add~~ John H. (A)						
Paul (G)	X	X	X	X		
Eddie (G)	X					
Alice (G)			X	X		
Harry K (yes)		X				
Frank	X					
Homley No						
Chris yes		X		X		
Bill M. (D)						
Jim M. (C)			~~X~~			X
Mac (A) yes						
Randy (A) yes					1	2
Harry P. yes						
Dave P. (C)						
Dale R. yes	X					
Wayne (G)	X	X				
~~Stew~~						
Julie (G)		X	X	X		
Abie yes	X					
Calvin yes				X		

Executive Report Oct. 2, 1976 Abie

I Distributions

-list of 48 sites now compiled

- 10 of these have been distributed now
- plus 2 meetings and 1 demo and 1 lit table

- total of 1820 distributed which means we are distributing at a rate of reaching only 6,000 by the 14th Oct.

- this includes 10 comrades who have participated in distributions so far

- the problem basically is the campuses where we have practically nothing and in which we could pass out thousands in days on the 3 university campses, George Brown and the community colleges eg. the Marcuse meeting this wed nt. could see 1000 copies getting out

II Sub Drive

- sub drive to begin Oct. 3 Mon and go until Dec. 3 the day of the municipal election; i.e. two months
- sub drive goal of 250
- gneeral quota of 10 subs per comrade projected

- proposal for a sub drive committee of Homily, Chris and Abie
- proposal that Homily take on the responsibility of the sub drive coordinator

III Fourm

- room troubles
- branch mob.

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Organizer's ~~report~~ executive report Oct.17, 1976

Finances:
-the present outstanding debts for dues and pledges and the fund drive from contacts are now constraining the operation of the movement
-comrades and contacts will be notified of their debts or reminded if they have already received written notice

II Membership
-in consideration of the membership criteria requiring
(i) payment of dues
(ii) attendence at branch meetings
(iv) operating in assigned work areas ~~under~~ with the discipline of the movement,

a number will be approached as to whether they wish to continue formally as members or continue their relationahip to the movement as sympathizers.
- Josie + Reggie to be approached for Sub. work.

III Intra-tendency relations
-Art Young of the LSA leadership approached Abie concerning the present negotiations initiated by the RMG to the LSA
-Art posed that the SL should explore the possibilities of ~~fusion~~ fusion with the LSA or the possible new regroupment by approaching the LSA
-considering that we have published our views in public documents and comentaries and elaborated our views in the pages of Forward for over two years and the LSA or RMG has not taken the opportunity onece to discuss the questions raised on a fraternal basis
and considering that in the place of a discussion that there have been a number of attacks from the pages of Labor Challenge drawing out differences on a basis of principle to the point of putting a question on ourselves as socialists it ~~was~~ is contradictory for Art to approach us for the purpose of conducting organizational talks
-the most minimal expression of the LSA's attitude that their characterization of our organization has changed, by approaching the SL, formally, has not taken place and the previous characterizations of national chauvinism, tailending the NDP leadership , capitulations to racism still remain.

adm. letter to formally reject & ref. but open further proposals

-therefore it is the recomendation of the executive that no action be taken at this time with respect to the discussions taking place between the LSA-RMG-Lambertists

IV United Front meeting on China
-the current split in the Chinese leadership and the purges associated with it offer us an avenue for intervention
-by calling for open trials for those purged the nature of the bureaucracy can be exposed and our differentiation from Stalinism as practiced in China can be demonstrated
-Homily will be approaching Jerome Ch'en to speak at a united front meeting in defence of Leninism in China

V Labor politics
(i) question of our position on Cliff Pilkey's candidacy against David Archer for presidency of the OFL and
(ii) the character of the Sodloski campaign in the Steelworkers union are both referred to the trade union ~~xxxx~~ fraction for consultation

VI Educational lineup
~~Oxtxxx29xfxxxxxxxxxx~~
Oct. 22 external proposed as cla ss ~~xxxx~~ revolutionary morality with Gord
Oct. 29 external to be the uni ed front meeting on the Polish workers with Joe Meslin and Michael Chartrand speaking with the Forward forum cancelled
Nov. 5 external forum on the anniversary of the Russian Rev.

adm. to have class series Rev. Rus. on Oct 22nd

Nov. 12 student panel on the National Student Day with a comrade, Murray Miskin of the OFS and a representative of the CP tnedency in in the student melieu Ghris Alnut or Dale Martin - since we can draw out members and perifery

Nov. 19 class series.

VII Social
Nov. 6 on the Rus. Rev.
-site being explored

VIII Distributions

Why Rus. Rev. took place & what happened to it.

to

Executive Report Oct 24, 1976

Mem. Jim M. to be maintained as a sympathizer

I Financial

- finances are down because of lag in the collection of dues & pladges and fund drive pledges from ~~xxxxx~~ contacts and comrades

--comrades will be notified at break of thier debts

II Municipal Campaign

policy on the support of municipal condidates
- to support all the class oriented ~~xxpxx~~ campaigns concretely meaning that we do not support the MMR slate per se but do support individual candidates who are members of the NDP or represent the labor movement
- to advise comrades comrades to work in the NDP campaigns of their own area ie support to Dan Heap. ✓
-that a campaign which is to be considered a model relatively is the Pantalone campaign in ward 4

III Branch Conference
- need to work up the two executive documents requires a delay in the conference ~~xixx~~ date to Nov. 21 a Sunday

IV Campus
- Exec. didn't have discussion on steering committee of frac

V Circulation Manager
- Hominy has volunteered as well as Randy.

Executive report Branch meeting Oct, 31/76

I Letter to LSA
- read or refer to

Membership
Stu S[redacted]
Jane [redacted]

II Social committee
Nov. 6 at ~~Harry Paine~~ Chris
Chris Judge & Harry Paine's

III Membership
-reported branch decision to Jim Mitchell and received favourably
-to sustain pledge
-request for the privledge to attend occasional branch meeting without vote or voice ~~wi~~ in consultation with the exectutive

IV Municipal Camapign
m/c - Harry Paine projected as candidate fro B. of E. in Ward 8 not 7
because of ~~opportunity~~ full slate in 7
and teachers want to displace a conservative NDPer on B. of E.
-endorsed by NDP teachers association
& St. David's NDP riding assoc.
& Riverdale " " " probably
- 10 workers from NDP teachers caucus
and ? from ridings

- Harry Kopyto campaign progressing with report to come
- Moscoe neutral; pres. wife running on pro-Jewish schools

V Quebec
-referral to exec on the ques of the Quebec slogan and banner in English Canada
-to replace the use of the slogan for general usage
of for an Independent Soc, Que
with for the self-determination of Quebec(ois)
- to replace the banner in the hall with a new banner

Box IV-A

(Found in 1976)

Exec report

I Membership: Zahir by Dale
Stu by Abie - that he be considered hostile to the SL & invitation to attend the conf. be withdrawen &

II Labour

m/c to not supp ort Pilkey or Archer or Lambert at this time since we see no principled difference between them

motivation: Archer is backing the new OFL manifesto calling for a socialist Ontario in a socialist Canada and callibg for a turn into the NDP
Pilkey has the backing of the industrial unions who score Archer for not mobilizing for Oct . 14

Lambert the CPer is a phoney candidate who is running with the perspective of throwing his votes after the first ballot to Archer seemingly in defference to his opening the door to the CP in this past period

O.F.L. convention
-Murray attending to report for Forward
-Abie and Dale to attend ~~xx~~ segments
Calvin
-distribution to be done tues. morning to reach the out of town delegates who have not yet seen the paper

III CARAL
-in three weeks a public rally for Morgenthaler is being planned
-~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
-that we assign comrades to move into the organizati n of this eventto be Chris and others , Julie

IV Municipal Campaign, Abie
-m/c that Murray D. be assigned toaid the Harry K. campaign
- m/c that Harry K decide whether he should attend the LSA forum this coming fri.
-we accepted invitation before R. Simms campaign announced and were not told that he would be on panel therefore becoming a campaign meeting for that particular cmapiagn ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ which we otherwise would not have accepted
-while we support the Simms LSA capign we do not seek to campaign for it
-the whole affair is rather insignificant and so it was referred to Harry K.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Nov. 14/76:

1. Chairperson: Murray. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present--Gord, Chris, Calvin, Murray, Dale, Abie
   -a.w.r.--Harry P.
   -Calvin excused at 11:15 a.m.

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Nov. 7/76

4. Trade Union Report:
   -m/c to endorse Sadlowski campaign in U.S. Steelworkers (and in our press)
   -m/c to make Calvin's work in building a base in the Sadlowski campaign a priority
   -m/c to build campaign in coordination with other left elements which centres around support for Sadlowski and supports Gilchrist vs. Cook for Director, and we are holding back on the position of support for National Director

5. Membership:
   -m/c to ask Linda to remain a member and ask her to attend meetings when she can
   -m/c that Dale be assigned to have formal discussion with Zahir and report back to exec. re Zahir's leave of absence

6. Discussion On GATE:
   -m/c that Randy contest for the position of president of Toronto chapter of GATE on the basis of a 2-point program focussing on the Damien campaign and on orienting to the NDP

7. Financial Report:
   -m/c that we refer to treasurer and organizer the budget report

8. Branch Conference:
   -m/c that branch conference be postponed till Sun. Dec. 12
   -m/c that we get a report on finances of bookstore--ask Ross for a financial report
   -on Nove. 28, we will schedule financial and bookstore reports
   -on Dec. 5, organizational report will be discussed
   -another mtg. to be set up to finish off discussion on Tasks and Perspectives report

9. New Business:
   -m/c that new class lineup be a 2-part class on history of women's movement and a 3rd class to be given by Chris--to be built up by phonings
   -m/c that we purchase the new strip-printer on a 50-50 basis
   -report by Dale on Campus fraction discussion

10. Adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

Branch meeting Nov14, 1976

Executive report: Abie

I Branch Conference
- since the financial state of the movement is not settled
i.e. back depts must be collected and the pledge base per month
firmly established we cannot make a reasonable projection
as to the possibilities of establishing two staff positions
-presently in the midst of important campaigns requiring the attention of
the movement i.e. two municipal campaigns, the gneeral work
of comrades in the various campaigns,
the sub drive, the York University by-elections
and which should logically be the material for discussion
- at the conference and so should have been completed
by that date
-therefore exec. recommedds that the branch conference date be moved ahead
to December 12 a Sunday

Jim C
Calvin T.

II GATE
- Randy asked to run for president of toronto chapter of Gay Alliance
Towards Equality ~~by~~ and supported by Terry Phillips
~~president~~ chairperson of Damien Defence committee
and John Wilson, former member of the Trotskyist movement
- the candidate already declared is Brian Mossop recently expelled
~~Stalinist from the~~ member of the CP

~~m/c~~ that Randy contest for the position of president of Toronto
Chapter of GATE on the basis of a 2-~~point programme for raising~~ strategic
perspectives~~of~~ the Damien campaign (as the concrete expression of
a civil rights orientation) and on the movements orientation
to the NDP

- so as to coallesce the left elements in GATE ~~around~~ into
a campaign which would ~~then~~ come to the perifery of the SL

- Randy wants to run

referral to exec. to establish intervention into GARL & gals. of assign comrade(s) to H.K. & H.P. campaign (committee rooms)

Trade Union committee
- exec. recommendations
m/c to endorse Sedlowski campaign (in our press)
m/c to make Calvin's work in building a base in the
Sedlowski campaign a priority
m/c to build campaign in coordination with other left
elelments which centres around support for
Sedlowski and supports Gilchrist vs. Cook
for Director and we are holding back on
on the position of support for National
Director.

Minutes of Exec. Meeting -- Dec. 5, 1976: 10:45 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Calvin. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: absent with reason--Chris and Murray
-present: Gord, Harry P., Calvin, Dale, and Abie

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Nov. 21/76

4. Financial Report:
-m/c that Dale, Abie, and Judy be assigned as budget cttee to work out budget for branch conference

5. Membership and Contacts:
-by Abie
-report on Frank--agreed to come to meetings and obey discipline of movement
--m/c to adopt report as information
-report on John Hayes--m/c to drop this comrade to status of sympathizer and assign Abie to approach him re a financial pledge
-rep ort on prospect for future recruitment of Mary M. and Ian K.

6. Brnach Conference:
-m/c that Dale present organizational report in lieu of Gord (who can't take the time to do it).
-general discussion of organizational report
-m/c that organizer approach following nominees for exec.: Abie, Dale, Gord, Harry P., Chris, Calvin, Paul, Homily, Murray, Ellie
-m/c that Abie be proposed for organizer
-m/c that nominees for editorial board: Ross, Wayne, Ellie, Harry K., Homily, Paul, Murray, Abie, Dale, Gord, Alice
-m/c that nominees for circulation manager of Forward be Homily
-m/c that Judy and Randy be approached to be treasurer
-m/c that John D. be secretary

7. Adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

8. Deferred Items:
-Sadlowski campaign
-fund drive collection
-staffing of the centre
-LSA letter
-ANZJ
-NDP Cttee.
-PQ

Minutes of Exec. Meeting -- Dec. 11, 1976: 10:30 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Murray. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present--Gord, Chris, Murray, Abie, Dale, Harry P.
   -absent -- Calvin

3. Minutes:
   -m/c to adopt minutes of Dec. 5, 1976

4. Branch Conference:
   -m/c that Abie prepare a report on LSA documents on Que. and NDP and their letter of approach to next exec. meeting
   -report on organizational report by Dale
      -m/c that recommendations of organizational report be:
      1. to hold branch meetings on alternate weeks
      2. to emphasize the educational, trade union, NDP, social cttees and editorial board with the aim that they meet at least once a month
      3. to have the executive meet at least once in the weeks alternating with the branch meetings
   -report on budget by Abie and Dale with priority items being the paper and getting one additional staff
   Executive nominations:
      -m/c that exec. nominate an 8-person slate consisting of Harry P., Gord, Murray, Dale, Abie, Calvin, Paul, and either of Chris or Ellie (depending on whether Ellie stands).

5. Staff Situation:
   -m/c to grant Abie 6 weeks leave from responsibilities of organizer starting the first week of January with an interim arrangement to take up organizer's responsibilities among Murray, Ross, and Dale

6. Nominations:
   -m/c to assign Gord to discuss with Randy concerning post of treasurer

7. New Year's Social:
   -m/c that we hold a house social at Harry P. and Chris's place
   -m/c to hold a sleigh ride for New Year's Day

8. Adjournment at 1:45 p.m.

Annual Conference of the Socialist League, Sunday December 12, 1976, at Toronto.

At headquarters. Chairman, Harry Payne. Secretary, John Darling.

TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES REPORT (Abe Weisfeld)

Unemployment is now at a 15 year high, and inflation is still continuing. The present growth rate of the economy is 4% per annum, while that of the Soviet Union is 8%. The wage freeze is being tightened. Radicalization is continuing. Much of the Waffle is now back in the NDP.

We left the LSA nearly three years ago. We are the nucleus of a future revolutionary party. Growth is in the mass organizations at this time, and we cannot expect immediate breakthroughs, although some may come. The NDP is increasing its influence, it is the centre of agitation and must be our main work area. We moved out boldly in the municipal campaign. But no organized left wing has developed in the NDP as yet.

In the labour movement, left wing views have become legitimized to some extent, and our labour people have been able to move out. The student movement is still in somewhat of a lull. The United Left slate victory at York was helpful, though it finally met a reverse, it still has members on the student council. We are active in the Women's movement, though this is not expanding and is centred on the "Priorities" the magazine of the B.C. NDP Women's Committee. We are involved in Gay Liberation with a civil rights perspective. Also the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews has been making some headway.

(DISCUSSION) - Gord Doctorow - The revolutionary left has declined much, and its organizations are in crisis. We are also suffering pressures. There are few chances for recruitment.

We have survived. There is no immediate prospect of rapid growth. Our paper, "Forward", does not yet have much influence in the working class. The SL has made a modest achievement and has made modest gains.

(Dale Ritch) - there was cooperation of the LSA, SL and KMG in the campaign to elect Pantalone as NDP candidate in the municipal election in the Dovercourt area. The student movement is not an area of growth at this time.

(Paul Kellogg) - There is a decline of student activism. There is little resistance to the fee increase. The students are atomized, moving as individuals. The recession has conservatized the students, although the student organizations remain strong. More students participated on October 14th than on the student day of protest.

(Chris Judge) - Feminism is declining, except for the self help groups. "Priorities" is under financial pressure. Ontario women in the NDP now have a newsletter.

(Harry Payne) - Activity no longer centers on the peripheral movements. Revolutionary optimism is helpful but it must be realistic. People's attention is centred on trying to make ends meet.

(Ross Dowson) - The radicalization is still deepening and widening. We should note the Quebec developments, the October 14 Day of Protest, and the OFL endorsation of socialism. The Labour Manifesto is a step forward. The demonstration at the town of Midland on October 14 is a favourable sign (Ross was present there). It is a fact that radicalization is still spreading. A progressive struggle is developing in the Steelworkers.

(Pat Schultz) - The economy is in a partial crisis and the government is unloading the problem on the workers. We have

been accustomed to work in the fringe areas. These areas have been intimidated. The Student Coalition against Cutbacks and the people in the Day Care struggle are losing their nerve. Labour has reacted more massively and more effectively, and it is not demoralized. In the crash of 1930 people concentrated on survival. The NDP is easily entered but the trade unions are tough going.

(Harry Kopyto) - The workers do not automatically link politics and economics. The NDP cannot be our exclusive centre of work. There are eight groups of Trotskyists in Toronto. People are very hesitant to give support without some criticism. The Trotskyists are not united, not organized, and it makes matters very difficult for us. We must give support to the labour movement when it is doing the right thing.

(Dale Ritch). On the national question, the government is allowing more American capital to enter banking. Canada will continue to sink under U.S. economic domination.

(Ellie Kingner) - At one time we were in the centre of every single social struggle. We are too enchanted with mass work. The movement becomes dispersed and exhausted. We must work as a totality, through our paper, "Forward."

SUMMARY - [Abie Weisfeld]. - Despite our small size and the loss of some comrades, we are still able to move out. Commitments in mass movements cause the paper to suffer. The pressures have to be balanced out. Initiatives cannot be allowed to weaken the centre. Developments in Quebec will have a large impact on popular thinking. The process of

radicalization must be distinguished from the level of militancy at any particular time. But our paper must be a central concern to the organization.
[MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY].

FORWARD REPORT. (Wayne Roberts) - We must deal with the problems of the working class as they come up. The RMG never mentioned the last provincial election in its paper. Our press runs have increased from 4,000 to 7,000 and to as many as 20,000. Society is suffering a crisis at the top, but mass pressure is not effective as yet. Many workers, turning away from the government, are supporting Joe Who and the Conservatives.

The RMG is torn into factions. Only the SL has been able to relate to political reality. Our paper is read by trade union delegates during boring speeches. Seven thousand copies were distributed on October 14th. But few subscriptions come in. We must have patience. A month ago the PQ had six provincial seats. Three years ago Trudeau was the most powerful man in the world.

DISCUSSION - (Gord Doctorow) - The hasty assembling of the first issue of "Forward" was a big trauma. The paper is essential to circulate our politics. We have had many distributions. The totals are building up. At Parliament Hill, there were 20,000 workers assembled. We gave away 3,000 papers. The LSA sold about 100. In a propagandist movement, the paper is the expression of the movement. The paper is the property of the working class.

(Abie Weisfeld) - The economic crisis in Britain is steadily deepening. We study the papers of the other left tendencies. Recently we have had a letter from a policy committee member of the NDP, and also from a municipal candidate, an indication that we have some influence.

[It was voted to table the nominations].

[Brief summary of "Foward" report, by Wayne Roberts]

REPORT ADOPTED.

[RECESS].

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT - (Dale Ritch) - We will have a New Years Social at Chis and Harry's place, and also a sleighride on New Years Day. The organization has existed for 2½ years, it began with 18 members, now there are 30, located in Toronto except for three in Coldwater, Brantford and Oshawa. The organization has maintained itself, its paper, its office and the bookstore.

When we left the LSA the status of the group was uncertain. We are not the revolutionary party, or even clearly the nucleus of it. It is a difficult time to build such a nucleus. Many regard us as just another sectarian group, one of eight Trotskyist groups. We have things in common with the LSA and with Sherwood, for instance in the election campaign for Pantalone. We have extended our political program, especially in the editorial board meetings, which have many key decisions to make.

Neither the sub drive nor the fund drive was fully successful. Some interventions have not been successful either. In place of the forums we have instituted classes.

The socials have proved too expensive, and now we have mostly house socials. Lately the branch meetings have been poorly attended. It is proposed to make them bi-weekly. We need to strengthen the executive with regular and consistent meetings. The NDP, trade union, social and educational committees must function regularly, and also the campus committee and women's committee must function when needed.

The Bookstore is an important part of our approach. It draws contacts, a factor in building a periphery. Action Print is also an asset. Some comrades are going to buy typesetting equipment. Camp Poundmaker is another asset.

NOMINATIONS - Abie has been acting organizer for three months, now recommended on a formal basis. Executive of Harry Payne, Lord Doctorow, Murray Dawson, Dale Ketch, Calvin Johansson, Abie Weisfeld, to which were added Ellie Kuzner and Paul Kellogg. Chris Judge dropped off by request.

Wayne Roberts confirmed as editor of Forward. Treasurer is Randy. The job of circulation manager was left open.

DISCUSSION - (Lord Doctorow) - The Toronto Branch is actually the highest body of our present movement. We are a small number of people, involved in too many things, too busy, and we are getting poor attendance. The branch meetings make assignments and assessments. It should meet once every two weeks, and the executive must operate in the interim. The editorial board has top priority.

(John Darling) - Bi-weekly meetings are a backdown. The matter has not been properly discussed, and is

raised without notice. The executive has not had adequate attendance and on the municipal election it did not do adequate work. Weekly meetings are needed for assessment of our efforts. A larger group has a better division of labour than we have, but this proposal would weaken the group rather than strengthen it.

(Abie Weisfeld) - The change is desirable. The fractions and committees are not functioning properly. The fractions must meet regularly and report their results to the branch meetings.

(Randy) - Why have some comrades left the movement, and why have some recruits come to it? We should hear more discussion on this matter.

(Ross Dowson) - I oppose the proposal for biweekly meetings unless it is better motivated. I move to refer the matter to the next branch meeting for further discussion.

(Motion to table the matter of biweekly meetings was carried).

(Ross Dowson) - Stew Sinclair did not drop out as a protest against policy. People get tired. Murray Dowson has joined. It is not a student radicalization any more. We may recruit experienced and leading workers, from the Sadlowski campaign for instance.

(Harry Payne) - those who left the LSA to form the SL were mostly experienced and deep rooted comrades. The LSA had many youth wholly devoted to revolution but without experience among the working class or in practical struggles. Older comrades have family obligations, NDP obligations and so forth, and the movement cannot be total to them. When I was absorbed in the electoral struggle, I found it helpful to drop into the

office and talk to other comrades for awhile.

(Ged Doctorow) - Many people were discouraged by the splits.

(Dale Ritch) - Stew Sinclair, Jim Mitchell and Charlie Lee are sympathizers and not really lost. We have recruited several persons and built our periphery. There is no need to worry about this matter.

EDITORIAL BOARD - Murray Dawson, Ross Dawson, Ged Doctorow, Abie Weisfeld, Dale Ritch, Wayne Roberts, Ellie Kurzner, Alice Klein Harry Kopyto, Paul Kellogg, John Darling. Those who stood were accepted.

SECRETARY - Chris Judge.

REPORT ON ORGANIZATION ADOPTED.

Harry Kopyto proposed a telegram of congratulation to Doctor Morgenthaler and also to the Quebec government. Proposal accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT - (Abie Weisfeld) Expenses include rent, cost of forums, one salary of $75 a week, phone, etc, total $649 a month. Income is from a pledge base of $700. a month (down from $900), plus a little from forums, etc, about $128, which is above expenses.

"Foward" had expenses of $4,225, nine issues at $400 per issue, and mailings were $360. Income from subs was $300. The fund drive got $1,200. and 1,300 pledge. The coming fund drive will be for $3,200. If there is more money we will get another part time staff person.

(Dale Ritch) there are $1,200 in uncollectable pledges.

(Ged Doctorow) - There is still uncollected money in the budget as given. The figure is valid if pledges come in regularly. We can work towards having two people on staff.

REPORT ADOPTED.

Announcements. INTERNATIONALE. ——— END.

Organizer's reports Dec. 19, 1976

I Branch Conference

- 17 comrades and 11 sympathizers present — internal on "the new radicalizati

- favourable imperssion on conaacts

- some responce from conrades is that it was overly pessimistic

report on contacts

1) Mike H
   - asked to join
   - recommendation that we ~~requirt~~ discussions with view to requitment
   - task is to integrate him relizing his sensitive pos'n

2) Mary M
   ~~xperspxxxxofxrequirtmentxinximmediatexfuturexcomingxyear~~
   - established a formal status of sympathizer where she will give a monthly pledge
   ~~xxfaxfailingg~~

3) Ian K
   - recommeddation that we ask to join immediately and hold requirtmnet talks with

4) Pat ~~Schultz~~ S
   - has asked to join
   - recommendation that we hold requirtment talk (s) with her and report back to branch

5) Al R
   - background
   - report from Dale on his affinity to movement after conf.
   - recommeddation that we approach to set up a formal relationahip whether it be as a sympathizer or a member

6) Frank L
   - recent background
   - recommendation that he become a sympathizer and we approach him with such a proposal

- question of referal of organizational formai of movement to come up at next branch after a fuller exec. meet.

II Branch meeting

- next branch meet. of Dec. 26 be cancelled for holiday weekend — notify next held Jan 3 — by ma

III Staffing the Centre

- store to be closed next Sat. and to be opened on Mon. boxing day
- ~~xxxforxxxx~~

- xxxx recommendation that store be oped during the evenings this week and ask for volunteers; Harry P. for Wed. nt.

IV Nect Year Country

- has experienced a split
  where a group has been expelled over the quest. of forming a revolutionary class party from the WAFFLE (NYC) or disolving and according to NYC going to various"small groups"

-exec. assigned Murray to send a letter of inquiry andpose the need for discussion and Harry Paine to send a personnel inquiry to his contact

V Pelletier Committee (Native Rights Committee)

- Pelletier deported now but committee may continue on other issues
- request made to us strenously that we participate
- recommeddation that we send an observer

VI Social

-set for Friday at H. & C. organizing is set up

- notice (admission + phoning

VII Ed.

- cancel for now
  Dec 24
  - date
  - lack of interest

Pam Tucker 366-5322 Peltier Ste... mo... 362-0...

met - Vern Harper on tour

ROSTER FOR STAFFING BOOKSTORE AND HEADQUARTERS

Times /	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:00 am -3:00 pm	Ross (BK)	Murray (BK)	Murray (BK)	Gord (BK)	Gord (BK)	Charlie (BK)	Gord/Charlie (HQ)
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Ross (BK)	Murray (BK)	Murray (BK)	Ross (BK)	Ross (BK)	Charlie (BK)	Gord/Charlie (HQ)
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Charlie (HQ)	Gord (HQ)	Gord (HQ)	Gord (HQ)	Ross (BK)		

Comrades who can staff the bookstore:
Gord, Ross, Murray, Charlie, Judy, Zahir, Ellie, Wayne, Abie, Homily, Paul

Comrades who can staff the HQ:
Gord, Charlie, Ross, Wayne, Chris, Ellie, Dale, (other members of exec.)